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Saturation of impurity-rich phases in a cerium-substituted pyrochlore-rich titanate ceramic:

Part 1. Experimental Results \*

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**Abstract.** The saturation of impurity-rich accessory phases in a Ce-analog baseline ceramic formulation for the immobilization of excess plutonium has been tested by synthesizing an impurity-rich baseline compositions at 1300°C 1350°C and 1400°C in air. Impurity oxides are added at the 10 wt% level. The resulting phases assemblages are typically rich in pyrochlore, Hf-zirconolite (hafnolite), brannerite and rutile, but in many instances also contain an accessory mineral enriched in the impurity oxide. The concentration of that oxide in coexisting pyrochlore sets the saturation limit for solid solution of the component in question. In most cases, the accessory phase does not contain significant amounts of Ce, Gd or U. Exceptions are the stabilization of a Ca-lanthanide phosphate and a phosphate glass when  $P_2O_5$  is added to the formulation.  $P_2O_5$  addition is also very effective in reducing the modal amount of pyrochlore in the form relative to brannerite. Addition of the sodium-aluminosilicate,  $NaAlSiO_4$ , also results in the formation of a grain boundary melt at run conditions, but the fate of this phase on cooling is not well determined. At temperatures above 1300°C, addition of 10 wt%  $Fe_2O_3$  also leads to melting. Substitution of cations of different valences can also be associated with model-dependent changes in the oxidation state of uranium via charge transfer reactions. A set of simple components is suggested for the description of pyrochlores in both impurity-free and impurity-rich formulations.

## 1. Introduction

A primary goal of the Plutonium Immobilization Project is to determine the phase equilibria for the baseline ceramic formulation (Ebbinghaus *et al.* 1999) as a function of potential processing conditions and variations in chemistry. These variables will effect the partitioning of the various elements among the phases which constitute the wastefrom, and may also lead to the formation of additional phases which may or may not include either plutonium or neutron absorbers. In a companion document, we considered the effect of changing oxidation state on the phase equilibria of cerium- and thorium-substituted analogs with and without alumina (Ryerson and Ebbinghaus, 2000). Here we assess the effects of potential wastestream impurities on the phase assemblage in a Ce-substituted analog.

The baseline formulation (Table 1) is designed to produce a pyrochlore of composition  $(Ca_{0.89}Gd_{0.22}Hf_{0.23}U_{0.44}Pu_{0.22})Ti_2O_7$ , and rutile of composition  $(Hf_{0.2}Ti_{0.8})O_2$ . The target phase

assemblage comprises 95 wt% pyrochlore and 5 wt% rutile. While plutonium is the element of major interest, the formulation also contains hafnium, gadolinium and uranium to act as both neutron absorbers in the wasteform itself, or in possible dissolution products (Ebbinghaus *et al*, 1999). When synthesized under relatively oxidizing conditions (air or argon) in the temperature range 1300-1400°C both the Pu-bearing and Ce-analog materials have been shown to crystallize a hafnium-rich analog of zirconolite,  $\text{CaHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$  (referred to here as “hafnolite”), and brannerite, (nominally,  $\text{UTi}_2\text{O}_6$ ) in addition to pyrochlore and rutile. The appearance of these phases may be attributed to variations in the oxidation states of cerium, plutonium and uranium, as well as to the presence of additional impurity elements that may stabilize these phases.

Fortunately, both zirconolite/hafnolite and brannerite are known to be chemically durable, and their appearance in the wasteform may not have deleterious effects upon its ability to immobilize plutonium (cf., Bourcier *et al.*, 1999). However, potential waste streams can contain a broad array of chemical constituents, and the ability of a pyrochlore-brannerite-hafnolite-rutile assemblage to incorporate other elements without the formation of additional phases (subsequently referred to as “accessory phases”) depends upon the solubilities of such elements in pyrochlore, brannerite, hafnolite, and rutile. These solubility limits can be determined by measuring the amount of a particular element in each of the primary phases when they coexist with an accessory phase in which the impurity element can be considered as essential structural constituent. For instance, the solubility of nickel oxide in pyrochlore in a NiO-rich composition is fixed when pyrochlore coexists with  $\text{NiTiO}_3$ . Here we have imposed the saturation of a number of such accessory phases on a Ce-analog of the baseline composition by adding ~10 wt% of the impurity oxide to the composition (Table 1).

Table 1. “As-made” starting compositions

	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	M13
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CaO	10.48	9.34	9.32	9.33	10.33	9.32	9.32	9.93	19.36	9.30	9.30	9.51	13.12
TiO <sub>2</sub>	36.90	33.59	33.60	33.65	37.45	33.57	33.55	35.77	33.58	33.63	33.46	34.25	34.17
HfO <sub>2</sub>	11.20	10.06	10.10	9.95	11.10	10.06	10.02	10.73	10.07	10.01	9.94	10.20	10.20
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.33	7.44	7.46	7.47	8.28	7.45	7.52	7.93	7.48	7.47	7.44	7.61	7.60
UO <sub>2</sub>	24.85	22.12	22.23	22.19	24.61	22.17	22.24	23.63	22.14	22.19	22.11	22.63	22.62
CeO <sub>2</sub>	8.23	7.41	7.37	7.39	8.21	7.37	7.35	0.00	7.38	7.37	7.36	7.54	7.50
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.00	10.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CaF <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	9.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.54	0.00	0.00
MgO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.88	0.00
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.86	5.38	4.79
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
NiO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MnO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CuO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ZnO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MoO <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WO <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ThO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table 1 (cont.). “As-made” starting compositions

	M14	M15	M16	M17	M18	M19	M20	M21	M22	P229	P232	P243
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	2.31	4.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CaO	9.66	9.39	8.46	9.35	9.32	9.32	9.32	9.31	9.34	11.56	10.85	10.65
TiO <sub>2</sub>	34.34	33.96	30.40	33.52	33.54	33.55	33.56	33.63	33.54	32.49	30.51	29.94
HfO <sub>2</sub>	10.18	10.12	9.10	10.01	10.02	10.11	10.01	10.08	10.03	9.65	9.07	8.90
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	15.61	7.51	6.76	7.48	7.43	7.46	7.45	7.44	7.44	7.24	6.80	6.68
UO <sub>2</sub>	22.68	22.33	20.11	22.22	22.19	22.24	22.23	22.22	22.23	21.57	20.26	27.89
CeO <sub>2</sub>	7.53	7.45	6.68	7.36	7.37	7.36	7.36	7.35	7.37	6.88	6.46	6.34
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CaF <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MgO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	2.61	5.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	4.32	8.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NiO	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MnO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CuO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ZnO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
MoO <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.61	0.00	0.00
WO <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.05	0.00
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.61
ThO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

## **2. Starting materials and experimental methods**

The goal of this investigation was to assess the effects of impurities in the waste stream on the phase equilibria of the baseline composition. This allows us to make relatively small batches, 1-2 g, of starting materials from mixtures of hydroxides, nitrates, hydrated-nitrates, carbonates, ammoniates and oxides (Appendix A). As many of the starting materials were extremely hygroscopic, we determined the useful oxide yield of each reagent by loss on ignition. Starting materials were ground by hand under ethanol in an alumina mortar and pestle. The resulting slurry was dried under a heat lamp producing a paste; due to the hygroscopic nature of the starting materials, a fully dry powder was never obtained at this stage of the preparation procedure. The paste was then transferred to a Pt crucible and calcined in air at 1000°C for at least 3 hours. This calcine was then reground by hand under ethanol in an alumina mortar and pestle prior to the addition of a polyvinyl alcohol solution to act as a binder. The calcine-polyvinyl alcohol slurry was dried under a heat lamp and then ground dry in an alumina mortar and pestle to obtain a free-flowing powder. Individual samples were hand-pressed in a stainless steel die and piston to produce disks approximately 2 mm thick, with an outside diameter of <5 mm, weighing ~50 mg.

A bottom-loading Deltech furnace was used to anneal samples equilibrated in air. Samples were loaded in open Pt crucibles that were then placed on the lower platen of the furnace and hydraulically lifted into the furnace that was already at run temperature. Temperature was monitored using a Pt-Rh thermocouple placed within 5 mm of the sample. Samples reached run conditions within 2-4 minutes after insertion, and run duration was always in excess of 24 hours. Runs were quenched by lowering the platen and removing the crucibles that then cooled in air, reaching room temperature in less than five minutes.



### 3. Sample characterization

The sintered disks were mounted in epoxy and then polished with alumina grits prior to final polishing with colloidal silica. The polished mounts were then carbon coated for SEM and electron probe analysis. Compositional analysis was performed on a JEOL-733 electron probe using wavelength dispersive analysis. The probe was operated at an accelerating voltage of 15 KV with a beam current (measured in a Faraday cup embedded in the standard holder) of 5-100 na; lower currents were used on beam sensitive materials such as silica glass. X-ray intensities were reduced to oxide concentrations using the ZAF method as revised by Armstrong *et al.* (1995). The standards used in these analyses are given in Appendix B. Two notable x-ray interferences were observed. The  $Ce_{L\beta 1}$  line interferes with the  $Gd_{L\alpha 1}$  requiring the use of the  $Gd_{L\beta 1}$  line, and in the Th-bearing samples, the  $Th_{M\beta 1}$  interferes with the  $U_{M\alpha 1-1}$  requiring use of the  $U_{M\beta 1}$  line.

### 4. Results

In many of the experiments presented here, the addition of 10 wt% of a waste stream impurity oxide resulted in the formation of an accessory phase coupled with limited solution of the impurity element in the pyrochlore-brannerite-hafnolite-rutile phase assemblage (Table 2). We have divided the elements into two groups depending upon whether there is “appreciable” dissolution of the impurity element in pyrochlore. Weight fractions of phases in runs performed at 1350°C were determined by linear regression of the average phase compositions and the “as-made” bulk compositions of the samples (Table 3).

Table 2. Run Results

Starting			T (C)	Phases
Run #	Composition	Variation		
1/1	M1	Hf-Ce-U	1300	pyr, brn, rut
1/2	M1	Hf-Ce-U	1400	pyr, brn, rut
1/3	M1	Hf-Ce-U	1350	pyr, rut
2/1	M2	Hf-Ce-U + P	1300	brn, rut, CLP, P-glass
2/2	M2	Hf-Ce-U + P	1400	brn, rut, P-glass
2/3	M2	Hf-Ce-U + P	1350	brn, rut, CLP, P-glass
3/1	M3	Hf-Ce-U + CaF <sub>2</sub>	1300	pyr, pv, hfn
3/2	M3	Hf-Ce-U + CaF <sub>2</sub>	1400	pyr, pv
3/3	M3	Hf-Ce-U + CaF <sub>2</sub>	1350	pyr, pv
4/1	M4	Hf-Ce-U + Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1300	pyr, brn, hfn, ilm
4/2	M4	Hf-Ce-U + Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1400	melted
4/3	M4	Hf-Ce-U + Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1350	melted
5/1	M5	Hf-Ce-U	1300	pyr, brn, rut
5/2	M5	Hf-Ce-U	1400	pyr, brn, rut
5/3	M5	Hf-Ce-U	1350	pyr, brn, rut
6/1	M6	Hf-Ce-U + MgO	1300	pyr, hfn, pv, MgTi-1
6/2	M6	Hf-Ce-U + MgO	1400	pyr, pv, MgTi-1, MgTi-2
6/3	M6	Hf-Ce-U + MgO	1350	pyr, pv, MgTi-1, MgTi-2
7/1	M7	Hf-Ce-U + Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1300	pyr, brn, hfn, cor, rut
7/2	M7	Hf-Ce-U + Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1400	pyr, brn, hfn, psd
7/3	M7	Hf-Ce-U + Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1350	pyr, brn, hfn, psb
8/1	M8	Hf-Th-U	1300	pyr, brn, rut
8/2	M8	Hf-Th-U	1400	pyr, brn, rut
8/3	M8	Hf-Th-U	1350	pyr, brn, rut
9/1	M9	Hf-Ce-U + CaO	1300	pyr, pv
9/2	M9	Hf-Ce-U + CaO	1400	pyr, pv
9/3	M9	Hf-Ce-U + CaO	1350	pyr, pv
10/1	M10	Hf-Ce-U +10% SiO <sub>2</sub>	1300	brn, rut, glass
10/2	M10	Hf-Ce-U +10% SiO <sub>2</sub>	1350	brn, hfO <sub>2</sub> , glass
11/2	M11	Hf-Ce-U +10% FeAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1300	py, hfn, psd
11/1	M11	Hf-Ce-U +10% FeAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1350	py, hfn, psd
11/3	M11	Hf-Ce-U +10% FeAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1400	melted

All runs performed in air.

Py=pyrochlore, brn=brannerite, ru=rutile, hfn=hafnolite, pv=perovskite, CLP=calcium-lanthanide phosphate, P-glass=phosphorus-rich glass, MgTi-1=MgTiO<sub>3</sub>,

MgTi-2=Mg<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub>, psb=psuedobrookite, cor=corundum, CTA=calcium-lanthanide titanium aluminate, Ga="galonite", croxy=Cr<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub>, Ni-Ti=NiTiO<sub>3</sub>, Ca-Mo=calcium molybdate, Ca-W=calcium tungstate

Table 2 (cont.). Run Results

Starting			T (C)	Phases
Run #	Composition	Variation		
12/2	M12	Hf-Ce-U +10% MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1300	py, hfn, psb
12/1	M12	Hf-Ce-U +10% MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1350	py, psb
12/3	M12	Hf-Ce-U +10% MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1400	melted
13/2	M13	Hf-Ce-U +10% CaAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1300	py, hfn, CTA, cor, rut
13/1	M13	Hf-Ce-U +10% CaAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1350	py, hfn, CTA
13/3	M13	Hf-Ce-U +10% CaAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1400	py, hfn, CTA
14/2	M14	Hf-Ce-U +10% Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1300	py, brn, rut
14/1	M14	Hf-Ce-U +10% Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1350	py, brn, rut
14/3	M14	Hf-Ce-U +10% Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1400	py, brn, rut
15/2	M15	Hf-Ce-U +10% NaAlSiO <sub>4</sub>	1300	py, hfn, rut, glass
15/1	M15	Hf-Ce-U +10% NaAlSiO	1350	py, hfn, glass
16/2	M16	Hf-Ce-U +20% NaAlSiO	1300	py, hfn, qlass
16/1	M16	Hf-Ce-U +20% NaAlSiO	1350	py, hfn, qlass
17/2	M17	Hf-Ce-U +10% NiO	1300	py, hfn, Ni-Pv
17/1	M17	Hf-Ce-U +10% NiO	1350	py, hfn, Ni-Pv
17/3	M17	Hf-Ce-U +10% NiO	1400	melted
18/2	M18	Hf-Ce-U +10% Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1300	py, hfn, rut, crxoy
18/1	M18	Hf-Ce-U +10% Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1350	py, hfn, rut, crxoy
18/3	M18	Hf-Ce-U +10% Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1400	py, hfn, rut, crxoy
19/2	M19	Hf-Ce-U +10% Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1300	py, hfn, Ga
19/1	M19	Hf-Ce-U +10% Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1350	py, hfn, Ga
20/2	M20	Hf-Ce-U +10% MnO <sub>2</sub>	1300	py, pv
20/1	M20	Hf-Ce-U +10% MnO <sub>2</sub>	1350	py, pv
20/3	M20	Hf-Ce-U +10% MnO <sub>2</sub>	1400	py, pv
21/2	M21	Hf-Ce-U +10% CuO	1300	py, rut
21/1	M21	Hf-Ce-U +10% CuO	1350	py, rut
22/2	M22	Hf-Ce-U +10% ZnO	1300	py, hfn
22/1	M22	Hf-Ce-U +10% ZnO	1350	py, rut
P229	P229	Hf-Ce-U +10% MoO <sub>3</sub>	1350	py, brn, Ca-Mo
P232	P232	Hf-Ce-U +10% WO <sub>3</sub>	1350	py, brn, rut, Ca-W
P243	P243	Hf-Ce-U +10% Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1350	py, brn, rut

All runs performed in air.

Py=pyrochlore, brn=brannerite, ru=rutile, hfn=hafnolite, pv=perovskite, CLP=calcium-lanthanide phosphate, P-glass=phosphorus-rich glass, MgTi-1=MgTiO<sub>3</sub>, MgTi-2=Mg<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub>, psb=psuedobrookite, cor=corundum, CTA=calcium-lanthanide titanium aluminate, Ga="galonite", croxy=Cr<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub>, Ni-Ti=NiTiO<sub>3</sub>, Ca-Mo=calcium molybdate, Ca-W=calcium tungstate

Table 3. Phase fractions based on linear regression of bulk and phase compositions

	1/3	±	2/3	±	3/3	±	4/1	±	5/3	±	6/3	±	7/3	±	8/3	±
Py	1.049	0.074	0.659	0.037	0.918	0.059	0.418	0.079	0.79	0.035	0.813	0.028	0.522	0.207	0.733	0.036
Brn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.066	0.043	0.187	0.031	0	0	0.187	0.156	0.282	0.034
Hfn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.41	0.117	0	0	0	0	0.142	0.091	0	0
Ru	0.021	0.041	0.105	0.026	0	0	0	0	0.052	0.01	0	0	0	0	-0.004	0.013
Pv	0	0	0	0	0.09	0.044	0	0	0	0	-0.012	0.029	0	0	0	0
CTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MgTiO <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.07	0.046	0	0	0	0
MgTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.155	0.053	0	0	0	0
NiTiO <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Galonite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Psb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.129	0.039	0	0
Fe-psb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mg-psb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ilmenite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.085	0.034	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLP	0	0	0.106	0.072	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P-glass	0	0	0.135	0.082	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Si-glass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ca-Mo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ca-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hf-Ti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3 (cont.). Phase fractions based on linear regression of bulk and phase compositions

	9/3	±	10/1	±	11/1	±	12/1	±	13/1	±	15/1	±	16/1	±	17/1	±
Py	0.797	0.07	0	0	0.651	0.096	0.886	0.069	0.84	0.079	0.791	0.063	0.556	0.078	0.85	0.076
Brn	0	0	0.376	0.055	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hfn	0	0	0	0	0.157	0.115	0	0	0.1	0.077	-0.002	0.047	-0.043	0.055	0.01	0.077
Ru	0	0	-0.048	0.029	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pv	0.231	0.049	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.056	0.033	0	0	0	0	0	0
MgTiO <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MgTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NiTiO <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.155	0.033
Galonite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Psb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fe-psb	0	0	0	0	0.195	0.033	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mg-psb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.094	0.048	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ilmenite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P-glass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Si-glass	0	0	0.696	0.068	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.199	0.052	0.476	0.068	0	0
Ca-Mo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ca-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hf-Ti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3 (cont.). Phase fractions based on linear regression of bulk and phase compositions

	18/1	±	19/1	±	20/1	±	21/1	±	22/1	±	P229		P232		P243	
Py	0.777	0.044	0.611	0.086	1.075	0.029	1.002	0.069	1.003	0.073	0.576	0.069	0.781	0.094	0.667	0.152
Bm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.359	0.056	0.17	0.073	0.479	0.156
Hfn	0.018	0.039	0.277	0.115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ru	0.143	0.03	0	0	0	0	0.043	0.04	0.034	0.041	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pv	0	0	0	0	-0.024	0.021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.047	0.018	-0.057	0.065
CTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MgTiO <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MgTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NiTiO <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Galonite	0	0	0.1	0.073	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Psb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fe-psb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mg-psb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ilmenite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P-glass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Si-glass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ca-Mo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.137	0.012	0	0	0	0
Ca-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.061	0.021	0	0
Hf-Ti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	0.049

## 4.1 Insoluble Impurities

### 4.1.1 The baseline assemblage

Two Ce-analog baseline mixtures were synthesized in order to compare the resulting phase assemblage as a function of starting materials (Plate 1). The first, M1, was made from a combination of nitrates, ammoniates and oxides, while the second, M5, was made strictly from oxides and carbonates. Runs were performed in air at 1300°C, 1350°C and 1400°C and produce the assemblage pyrochlore+rutile±brannerite (Table 3). Brannerite was found in all of the runs synthesized from oxides, and in all but the 1350°C run from the M1 compositions. Its absence in run “1/3” may simply be the result of small variations in bulk chemistry, kinetics, or difficulties associated in detecting phases with low modal abundance

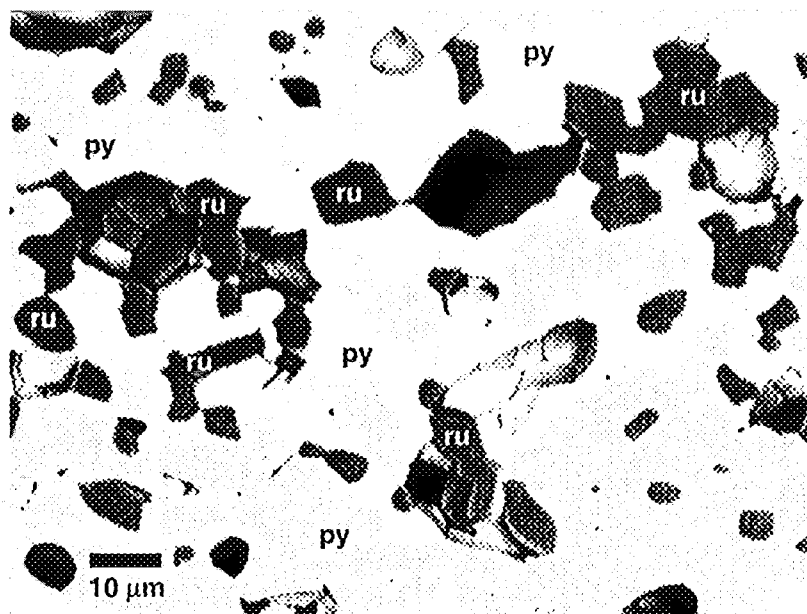


Plate 1a. Backscattered electron image of Ce-analog baseline formulation sintered at 1350°C in air (1/3). Phase assemblage includes pyrochlore (py) and rutile (ru).

The compositions of the individual phases do not show significant variation as a function of either starting material or run temperature (Tables C1 and C2). The typical pyrochlore composition (see sample 1/3, Table C1) is  $\text{Ca}_{1.02}\text{Ce}_{0.25}\text{Gd}_{0.23}\text{Hf}_{0.16}\text{U}_{0.35}(\text{Ti}_{1.93}\text{Hf}_{0.06}\text{Al}_{0.02})\text{O}_{6.74}$ , in which Ce replaces Pu, is somewhat different from that in the nominal baseline formulation,  $(\text{Ca}_{0.89}\text{Gd}_{0.22}\text{Hf}_{0.23}\text{U}_{0.44}\text{Pu}_{0.22})\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ . The observed Ce/Gd ratio in pyrochlore, 1.02, is equal, within error, to that in the bulk composition, 1.04, and is consistent with the modal predominance of this phase. The observed analog pyrochlore composition is higher in calcium than that used in the target formulation, however. Mass balance, therefore requires the presence of a phase with lower calcium content, explaining the common occurrence of brannerite. The observed pyrochlore is also slightly lower in titanium and uranium than that of the baseline model.

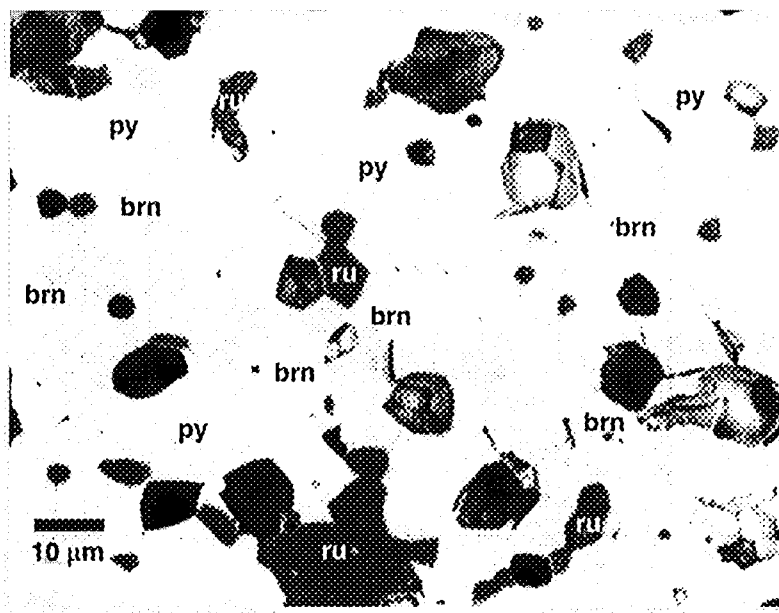


Plate 1b. Backscattered electron image of Ce-analog baseline formulation sintered at 1350°C in air (5/3). Phase assemblage includes pyrochlore (py), brannerite (brn) and rutile (ru). Materials synthesized from oxide and carbonates only.

Brannerite displays little run-to-run variation in chemistry, and has an average composition of  $(\text{Ca}_{0.11}\text{Ce}_{0.22}\text{Gd}_{0.15}\text{Hf}_{0.12}\text{U}_{0.43})\text{Ti}_{1.95}\text{O}_{5.7}$ ; the Ti-site is essentially full. The average rutile composition,  $(\text{U}_{0.01}\text{Hf}_{0.09}\text{Ti}_{0.9})\text{O}_2$ , is somewhat depleted in hafnium relative to the target composition used in the formulation,  $(\text{Hf}_{0.2}\text{Ti}_{0.8})\text{O}_2$ . The disparity can be resolved



by minor variation in the modal abundance and also by the presence of brannerite in most runs.

Using the average phase compositions given above, and the “as-made” composition of M1, the modal phase proportions determined by linear regression are  $75\pm 8$  wt% pyrochlore,  $24\pm 7$  wt% brannerite and  $2\pm 1$  wt% rutile. These proportions are substantially different from the target concentrations, reflecting the disparity between target and observed phase compositions.

Both pyrochlore and brannerite are oxygen deficient for stoichiometries based upon  $\text{Ce}^{+3}$  and  $\text{U}^{+4}$ . For instance, if uranium and cerium are assumed to be present as +4 and +3 cations, respectively, then the average pyrochlore has only 6.7 oxygens per 4 cations, rather than the ideal 7 oxygen per formula unit (pfu). These disparities can be resolved if some combination of U and Ce are present in a higher oxidation state. Unfortunately, a unique valence distribution cannot be determined from chemical analysis alone.

Fortner *et al.* (1999) have determined the valence of Ce and U in a ceramic formulation similar to that presented here by XANES and EXAFS spectroscopy. They find that cerium exists in a mixed oxidation state ( $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\sum\text{Ce} \sim 0.33$ ) and that uranium is present largely as the pentavalent species (personal communication, 1999). It is likely, however, that addition of other components will perturb the valence states of these cations even at constant external conditions. By assuming a fixed  $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\sum\text{Ce}$  ratio, we calculate the “average valence” of uranium based on the ideal 4/7 and 3/6 stoichiometries of pyrochlore/hafnolite and brannerite, respectively. As various combinations of valence states can satisfy the ideal stoichiometry, the result obtained is not unique, nor does it resolve the distribution of uranium among  $\text{U}^{+4}$ ,  $\text{U}^{+5}$  and  $\text{U}^{+6}$ .

If we assume that  $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\sum\text{Ce} \sim 0.33$ , we obtain average valence for uranium (expressed as x in  $\text{UO}_x$ ) of  $2.62\pm 0.08$  (2 $\sigma$ ), which is equivalent to  $\text{U}^{+5.24}$ , for our experiments on the

impurity-free baseline composition (Tables 4 and 5). The agreement between this calculation and the spectroscopic determinations of Fortner *et al.* (1999), suggests, that while our calculation cannot provide a unique valence determination, it does, however, allow simple comparison between different materials, and can act as monitor of the effects of minor element addition.

#### 4.1.2 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

The addition of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  to the baseline formulation stabilizes hafnolite and an Al-rich accessory mineral (Table 2). At 1300°C the Al-rich phase is corundum in equilibrium with rutile. At higher temperatures, these phases react to form Al-psuedobrookite,  $\text{Al}_2\text{TiO}_5$ . The individual phases are 5-10  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter with brannerite and Al-psuedobrookite being

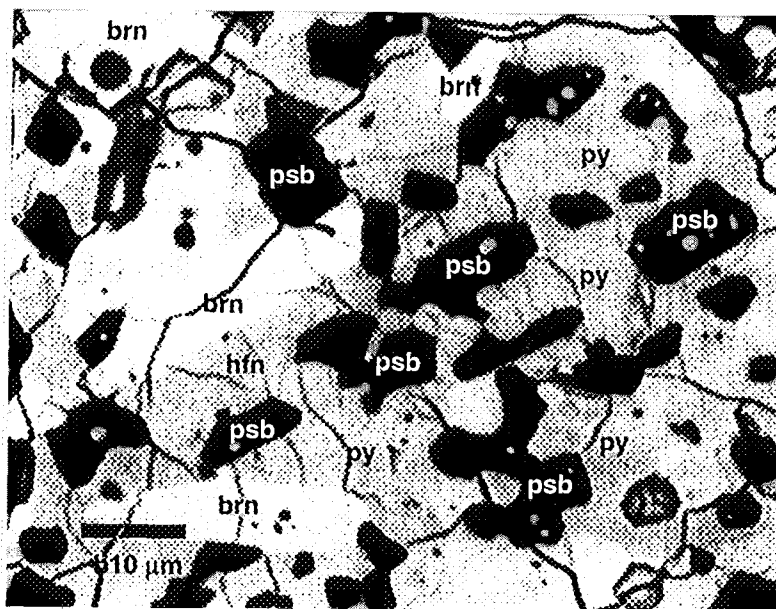


Plate 2. Baseline formulation with 10 wt%  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  added. Sintered at 1350°C in air (7/3). Phase assemblage includes pyrochlore (py), brannerite (brn), hafnolite (hfn) and rutile (ru).

somewhat elongate (Plate 2). The phases fractions for the 1350°C run are given in Table 3, and indicate that pyrochlore remains the most abundant phase (~52 wt%). Both corundum and Al-psuedobrookite are essentially free of constituents other than  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{TiO}_2$  (Table C3). Hafnolite contains ~4 wt%  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and has the structural formula  $(\text{Ca}_{0.78}\text{Gd}_{0.18})(\text{Al-}$

$_{0.09}\text{Ce}_{0.10}\text{Hf}_{0.68}\text{U}_{0.15})(\text{Ti}_{1.75}\text{Al}_{0.25})\text{O}_{6.92}$  at 1350°C. The close approach to 7 oxygens per 4 cations is consistent with uranium and cerium being in the +4 and +3 oxidation states, respectively.

The compositions of pyrochlore and brannerite (Table 6) are virtually identical to those in the baseline formulation, and contain insignificant amounts of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ . Pyrochlore contains only ~0.4 wt%  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and brannerite ~1.4 wt%. The structural formula for pyrochlore at 1350°C is  $(\text{Ca}_{1.05}\text{Ce}_{0.26}\text{Gd}_{0.21}\text{Hf}_{0.09}\text{U}_{0.38})(\text{Ti}_{1.91}\text{Hf}_{0.06}\text{Al}_{0.03})\text{O}_{6.7}$  and that of brannerite is  $\text{Ca}_{0.08}\text{Ce}_{0.24}\text{Gd}_{0.13}\text{Hf}_{0.09}\text{U}_{0.46}\text{Ti}_{1.90}\text{Al}_{0.11}\text{O}_{5.68}$ , and as is the case with the impurity-free baseline sample they are oxygen deficient which is mostly likely indicative of uranium in an oxidation state greater than +4. If  $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\sum\text{Ce}=0.33$ , the average uranium valence,  $\text{UO}_x$ , is close to  $x=2.7$  and is within error of the value obtained for the impurity-free baseline formulation, consistent with the overall similarity in phase composition and the low concentrations of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in brannerite and pyrochlore.

The low concentrations of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in pyrochlore and brannerite indicate that even small amounts of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in the waste stream will result in either the formation of hafnolite or an Al-rich accessory phase. For instance, if the desired phase assemblage was formulated to produce a pyrochlore-rutile assemblage, molar ratio above 0.08 moles  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ /mole of  $\text{PuO}_2$  would result in the stabilization of Al-psuedobrookite at 1350°C. However, the Al-rich accessory phases do not alter the ratio of Pu to neutron absorbers in pyrochlore or brannerite, and they contain no plutonium. As such, its presence will have negligible effect on the wasteform performance.

#### 4.1.3 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$

For materials synthesized at 1300°C the addition of 10 wt%  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  yields results similar to those observed for the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ . Iron stabilizes hafnolite, and a Fe-rich accessory phase, ilmenite (Table 2). With the exception of a small amount of  $\text{HfO}_2$ , ilmenite contains only iron and titanium. However, pyrochlore and brannerite do contain significant iron and

are somewhat different in composition from those in the baseline composition (Table C4). Pyrochlore has the structural formula  $(\text{Ca}_{1.09}\text{Ce}_{0.25}\text{Gd}_{0.14}\text{Fe}_{0.07}\text{U}_{0.45})(\text{Ti}_{1.85}\text{Hf}_{0.07}\text{Al}_{0.04}\text{Fe}_{0.07})\text{O}_{6.43}$  and contains ~2.4 wt% FeO. Brannerite,  $(\text{Ca}_{0.11}\text{Ce}_{0.24}\text{Gd}_{0.10}\text{Hf}_{0.04}\text{U}_{0.49})(\text{Ti}_{1.84}\text{Al}_{0.01}\text{Fe}_{0.17})\text{O}_{5.39}$  and contains ~3 wt% FeO. Of the primary phases hafnolite contains the highest concentration of iron at ~11 wt%. The concentration of iron in hafnolite,  $(\text{Ca}_{0.62}\text{Ce}_{0.17}\text{Gd}_{0.17}\text{U}_{0.05})(\text{Fe}_{0.56}\text{Hf}_{0.32}\text{U}_{0.12})(\text{Ti}_{1.90}\text{Al}_{0.03}\text{Fe}_{0.07})\text{O}_{5.94}$ , alters the nominal phase proportions such that the weight fractions of both pyrochlore and hafnolite are ~40 wt% of the sample (Table 3). The presence of iron also appears to alter the partitioning of neutron absorbing elements relative to that in the impurity-free Ce-analog, as the Ce/Gd ratio in the pyrochlore in this run is 1.7 while that in the baseline composition is ~1.

When calculated as  $\text{Ce}^{+3}$ ,  $\text{U}^{+4}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{+2}$ , pyrochlore, hafnolite and brannerite are quite oxygen deficient, 6.5 oxygens/4 cations and 5.9 oxygens per 4 cations, respectively, and the deficiency correlates with iron concentration. However, if Fe is cast as  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$  values of  $\text{UO}_x$  close to those of the baseline formulation and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ -doped run products are obtained, suggesting that the iron is present primarily as  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$  in these materials. This is not the case for the ilmenite-hematite phase ( $\text{FeTiO}_3\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) in which the  $\text{Fe}^{+3}/\Sigma\text{Fe} = 0.41$ . the substitution of  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$  for quadravalent cations may enhance the solubility of lanthanides in pyrochlore via  $\text{Ca}^{+2} + \text{U}^{+4} = 2 \text{Gd}^{+3}$ .

Stewart *et al.* (1999) added Fe along with a suite of other divalent cations (Mg, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, ~16 wt% total) to the baseline formulation. Instead of ilmenite, they observed an ulvöspinel-rich spinel solid solution ( $\text{M}_2\text{TiO}_4$ , where M is a divalent cation). The difference between the two sets of experiments can be explained by the ability of Fe to exist as  $\text{Fe}^{+2}$  and/or  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$  rather than to be wholly divalent. As such,  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$  stabilizes the ilmenite solid solution by increasing the activity of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , while divalent cations favor ulvöspinel. Ilmenite is also stabilized by the higher Ti/Fe ratio of our materials.

A more serious concern with respect to the addition of Fe is that samples synthesized at 1350°C and 1400°C both melted and could not be recovered for analysis. The presence of a eutectic in the pyrochlore-brannerite-hafnolite-ilmenite field at these temperatures limits the compositional range for successful synthesis. If the composition of pyrochlore is taken as a limit on the Fe content, then the limiting ratio of Fe could be as low as 0.56 moles for FeO/mole of PuO<sub>2</sub>. Perhaps a more realistic estimate can be obtained by eliminating ilmenite from the assemblage and combining pyrochlore, hafnolite and brannerite in a 0.4:0.4:0.2 weight ratio yielding an composition with a ratio of moles FeO per mole of PuO<sub>2</sub> equal to 1.6. An absolute upper limit is given by the composition of hafnolite in which the moles for FeO/mole of PuO<sub>2</sub> is 3.74.

#### 4.1.4 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% MgO

The assemblages resulting from the addition of MgO vary with synthesis temperature (Table 2). At 1300°C pyrochlore, hafnolite, perovskite and MgTiO<sub>3</sub> coexist. At 1350°C hafnolite disappears and is replaced by Mg<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub> (Plate 3). Finally at 1400°C perovskite is no longer part of the assemblage. However, regression analysis indicates that only pyrochlore, which is always greater than 80 wt% of the sample (Table 3) and the Mg-titanates are present in non-negligible amounts. In addition to Mg and Ti, the Mg-titanates contain only HfO<sub>2</sub> in detectable amounts.

The average pyrochlore formula from the 1350°C run is (Ca<sub>1.01</sub>Ce<sub>0.26</sub>Gd<sub>0.24</sub>U<sub>0.46</sub>)(Ti<sub>1.51</sub>Hf<sub>0.30</sub>Mg<sub>0.22</sub>)O<sub>6.53</sub> (Table C5). The Ca content is similar to that in previous experiments, and since pyrochlore is the only modally significant lanthanide-bearing phase, the Ce/Gd ratio approximates that of the starting material. The Hf concentration of pyrochlore is somewhat higher than that of materials containing either brannerite or hafnolite.

The Ti content of both pyrochlore and hafnolite are significantly lower than that in the impurity-free or Al-doped runs (Table C1, C2, C3 and C5). If, due to its small cationic

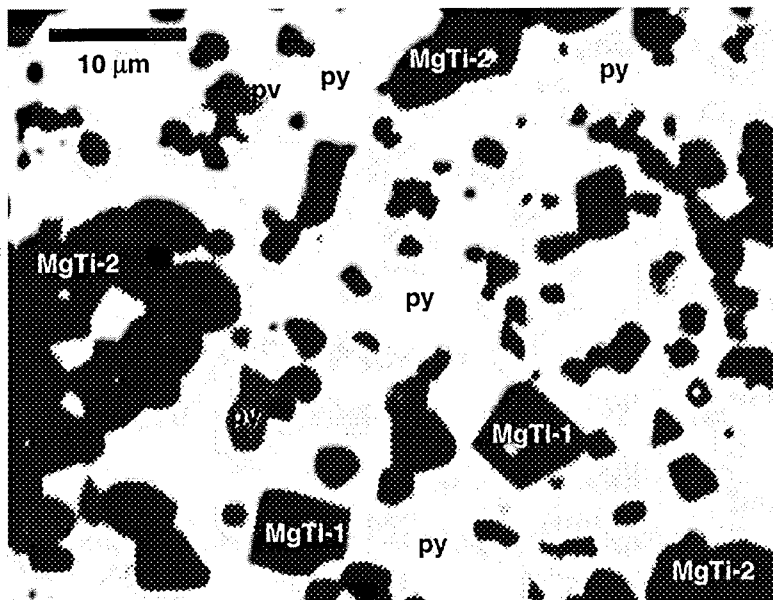
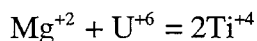


Plate 3. Backscattered electron image of baseline formulation with 10 wt% MgO added. Sintered at 1350°C in air (6/3). Phase assemblage includes pyrochlore (py), perovskite (pv) and two magnesium titanates,  $\text{MgTiO}_3$  (MgTi-1) and  $\text{Mg}_2\text{TiO}_4$  (MgTi-2).

radius,  $\text{Mg}^{+2}$  substitutes for Ti on the Ti-site, then the Ti-site will be charge deficient. One way to maintain charge compensation is to oxidize either U and/or Ce on the A-site. This appears to be the case. For  $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\sum\text{Ce}=0.33$ , the average uranium valence of pyrochlore is  $\sim\text{UO}_{2.9}$  as opposed to  $\text{UO}_{2.6}$  in the impurity-free baseline formulation run products. A similar calculation for the hafnolite yields  $\text{UO}_{2.7}$  at 1300°C (Table C5). Another product of the low Ti content is that the A-site is now free of Hf that resides only on the Ti-site. This could effect the partitioning of hafnium and explain the elevated hafnium concentration levels in the pyrochlores produced here. The addition of MgO may also effect the partitioning of uranium by coupled substitutions such as,



Indeed, the hafnolite in the 1300°C run contains 22.7 wt%  $\text{UO}_2$ , about 3 times more than in the hafnolites from the Al-doped run products.

Stewart *et al.* (1999) added Mg along with a suite of other divalent cations (Mg, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, ~16 wt% total) to a Ce-analog formulation and observed an ulvöspinel spinel solid solution,  $M_2TiO_4$ , where M is a divalent cation. The  $Mg_2TiO_4$  observed here is equivalent to that phase. As the Mg-titanates contain no significant nuclides and the pyrochlore composition is not substantially altered by the presence of Mg, it appears that MgO may be accommodated in unlimited concentrations. The major effects are the stabilization of hafnolite and the Mg-titanates and to a lesser extent perovskite. Incorporation of MgO in these phases may also effect the valence states of U, Ce and, by extension, Pu.

#### 4.1.5 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% NiO

The addition of NiO results in a phase assemblage that is largely pyrochlore and  $NiTiO_3$  with minor hafnolite at 1300°C and 1350°C (Table 2, 3 and C6, Plate 4). The  $NiTiO_3$  is the major repository of Ni and also contains ~4 wt%  $HfO_2$ , but no other neutron

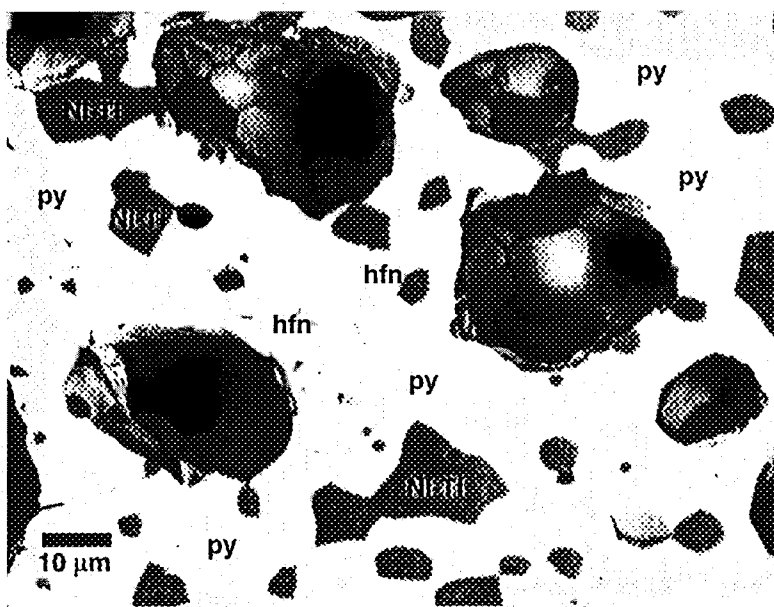


Plate 4. Baseline formulation with 10 wt% NiO added. Sintered at 1350°C in air (17/1). Phase assemblage includes pyrochlore (py), hafnolite (hfn), and Ni-titanate (Ni-Ti).

absorbers or cerium. Hafnolite also contains NiO (~6 wt%), but is modally insignificant (Table 3). The pyrochlore formula (1350°C) resembles that in previous runs and is given by the formula,  $(\text{Ca}_{1.00}\text{Ni}_{0.13}\text{Ce}_{0.24}\text{Gd}_{0.23}\text{Hf}_{0.01}\text{U}_{0.39})(\text{Ti}_{1.79}\text{Hf}_{0.21})\text{O}_{6.63}$ . As there are no other lanthanide-bearing phases present, the Gd/Ce ratio is that of the starting material. Nickel addition may also effect valence states as it increases the divalent cations content of the A-site in pyrochlore and the B-site in hafnolite. The  $\text{UO}_x$  values at 1350°C, assuming  $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\Sigma\text{Ce}=0.33$  are  $x=2.85$  and  $x=2.7$ , respectively, for pyrochlore and hafnolite. Oxidation of uranium or cerium maintains charge balance. As such, the only real effect of adding Ni to the sample is to produce radionuclide and neutron absorber-free  $\text{NiTiO}_3$ , and therefore does not limit the composition of the wasteform.

#### 4.1.6 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% CuO

The results from experiments at 1300°C and 1350°C in which CuO was added are equivocal, as it appears to have almost completely volatilized, producing the baseline assemblage pyrochlore plus rutile (Table 2, 3 and C7). Minor amounts of CuO are

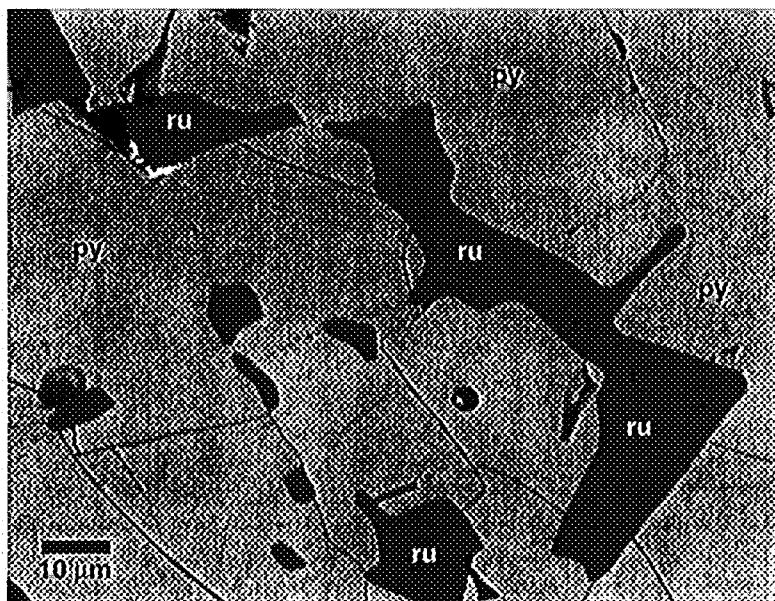


Plate 5. Baseline formulation with 10 wt% CuO added. Sintered at 1350°C in air (21/1). Phase assemblage includes pyrochlore (py) and rutile (ru).



detectable in pyrochlore at the 1-2 wt% level, but are close to detection limits in rutile (Table C7). One noticeable feature of the CuO-bearing runs is the relatively large grain size (Plate 5); pyrochlore grains are in excess of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter relative to 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less in most other runs. This suggests that CuO may have acted as a flux during sintering of these materials. In fact, a run at 1400°C melted. Given the intended processing range of 1300-1350°C it is likely that CuO will not limit the composition of the wasteform as it will be lost to volatilization. However, caution should be exercised for production sized material where rapid sintering of the outer portions of a puck could inhibit volatile loss from the interior, enhancing the potential for melting. Otherwise, the pyrochlore and rutile compositions and the values of  $\text{UO}_x$  required for stoichiometry,  $x=2.68$ , are virtually indistinguishable from the baseline formulation run products (Tables C1 and C7)

#### **4.1.7 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% ZnO**

The results of ZnO-bearing runs are quite similar to those from the Cu-bearing experiments (Table 2, 3 and C8). The Zn-bearing runs have grain sizes near 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , similar to those in the Cu-bearing runs (Plate 6), suggesting that ZnO may also act as a flux during sintering. At 1350°C the assemblage is pyrochlore plus rutile. The concentration of ZnO in both phases is close to the detection limit. However, at 1300°C the assemblage is pyrochlore plus hafnolite. Pyrochlore contains ~2 wt% ZnO and hafnolite greater than 7 wt%. Clearly, Zn stabilizes hafnolite at the expense of rutile. It is also clear that the volatilization of Zn increases between 1300°C and 1350°C.

Using the normal structural assignments, zinc enters the A-site in pyrochlore and the B-site in hafnolite. Like Ni and Mg addition, the zinc increases the number of divalent cations on these sites requiring charge excess on adjacent sites, or in a system of fixed composition, increases in cation valence. The latter is the case here, as the average uranium valence for the 1300°C Zn-bearing runs,  $\text{UO}_{2.87}$  and  $\text{UO}_{2.85}$  in pyrochlore and hafnolite, respectively, are higher than those of the 1350°C runs where Zn has been volatilized.

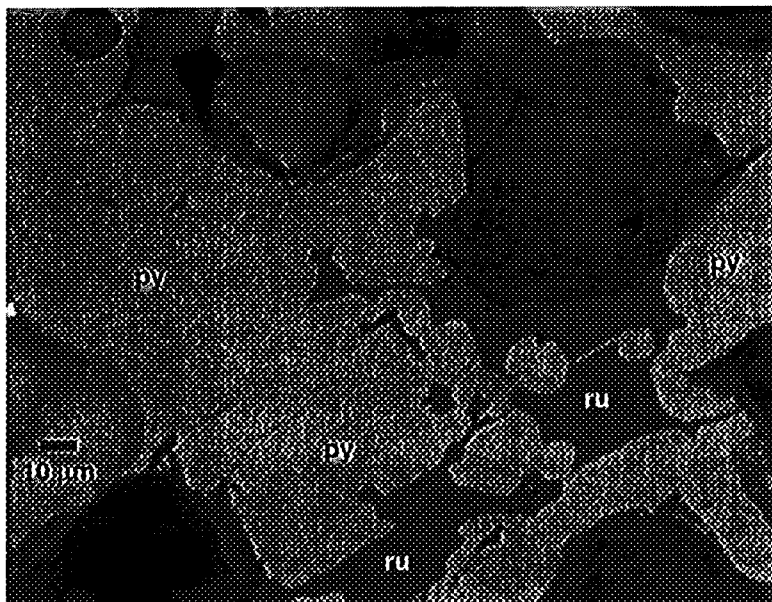


Plate 6. Backscattered electron image of baseline formulation with 10 wt% ZnO added. Sintered at 1350°C in air (2/3). Phase assemblage includes pyrochlore (py) and rutile (ru).

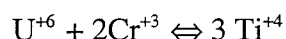
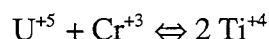
The 1350°C run does not contain a Zn-rich accessory phase, and as such pyrochlore and hafnolite are not buffered with respect to Zn-concentration. This is also the case in the experiments of Stewart *et al.* (1999) where Zn was added with a suite of other divalent cations (Mg, Co, Ni, Cu and Zn, ~16 wt% total) which resulted in a pyrochlore, hafnolite, perovskite, ulvöspinel assemblage. Ulvöspinel was the high Zn-phase and the concentration of Zn in hafnolite was 0.11 Zn per 4 cations as opposed to 0.39 Zn per 4 cations. Hence, it appears that zinc addition has little effect on the phase assemblage, other than to stabilize hafnolite when added alone, or hafnolite and spinel when added with an excess of other divalent cations.

#### 4.1.8 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

The addition of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> stabilizes hafnolite and is also strongly incorporated in rutile (Table 2, 3 and C9, Plate 7). Also present is a poorly characterized sub-micron size Cr-rich phase; due to the inability to obtain quantitative analyses of this phase, it was not included

in the regression in Table 3, it is however a minor constituent based upon SEM characterization (Plate 7). Regression analysis indicates that hafnolite is present only at the wt% level. This is reflected in the pyrochlore composition in which the Ce/Gd ratio is that of the starting material as it is the only lanthanide-bearing phase in the assemblage.

Along with chromium, the rutiles in these experiments also contain significant uranium. For instance, the structural formula for the rutile from the 1350°C run is  $U_{0.04}Cr_{0.11}Hf_{0.07}Ti_{0.77}O_{1.94}$ . Uranium incorporation can be accomplished by substitutions such as,



The change in rutile chemistry is also reflected in that of pyrochlore composition which has ~1.75 Ti per 4 cations here as opposed to ~1.9 Ti per 4 cations in rutile-saturated impurity-free run products. The incorporation of additional species in rutile decreases the

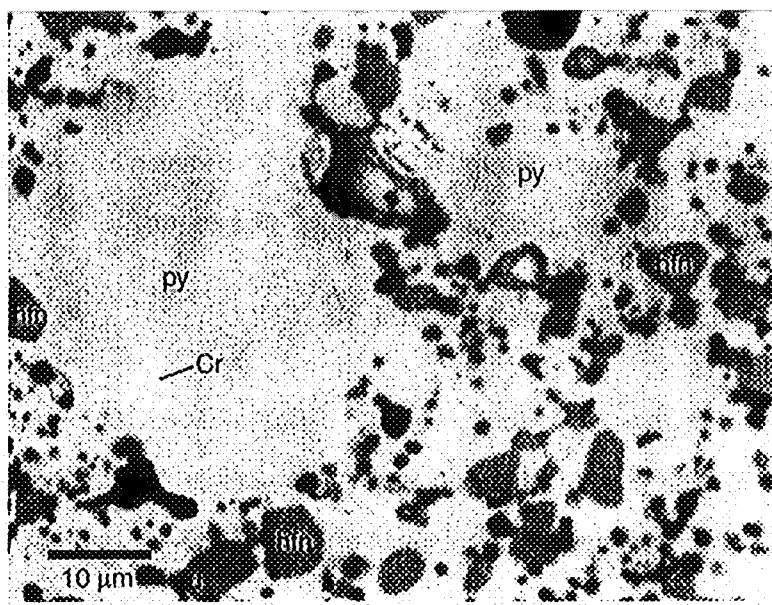


Plate 7. Backscattered electron image of baseline formulation with 10 wt%  $Cr_2O_3$  added. Sintered at 1350°C in air (18/1). Phase assemblage includes pyrochlore (py) and hafnolite (hfn), rutile (ru) and  $Cr_xO_y$  (Cr).

activity of  $\text{TiO}_2$  in the rutile solid solution and, hence, the entire assemblage, resulting in lower  $\text{TiO}_2$  contents in the coexisting phases. The reduction of Ti on the Ti-site also results in a charge deficit (Table C9) which can be compensated by oxidation of uranium and cerium. This is reflected in uranium valences of  $\sim\text{UO}_{2.9}$  in pyrochlores from Cr-doped runs relative to  $\text{UO}_{2.62}$  in the impurity-free baseline run products.

Stewart *et al.* (1999) added  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  along with Al, Mn, Fe, and Ga to a Pu-bearing baseline formulation and obtained a pyrochlore-hafnolite-magnetoplumbite-loveringite assemblage in air at  $1350^\circ\text{C}$ . Chromium partitioned into hafnolite relative to pyrochlore, but was most strongly enriched in magnetoplumbite and loveringite. Formation of these phases requires additional components be present (iron and gallium in particular). The absence of such elements here explains the presence of Cr-oxide. Cr-oxide buffers the  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  activity at values greater than those imposed by magnetoplumbite and loveringite. This is reflected in higher chromium contents in the hafnolites from our experiments, 0.34 Cr per 4 cations versus 0.14 Cr per 4 cations in the run products of Stewart *et al.* (1999). So, while the addition of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  alone does not significantly alter the composition of pyrochlore or result in the formation of radionuclide-bearing accessory phases, the presence of other trivalent cations can stabilize more complex Cr-bearing phases. Fortunately, neither the magnetoplumbite nor loveringite produced by Stewart *et al.* (1999) for such compositions contain significant plutonium or uranium.

#### **4.1.9 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% $\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4$**

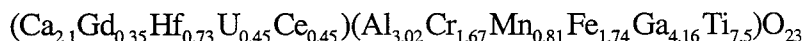
Ryerson (1984) has described Synroc formulations for US Defense waste immobilization in which zirconolite and perovskite coexist with mixed transition metal aluminate spinels. To evaluate the potential effects of spinel saturation on the current formulation aluminate components were added to the baseline composition.

At  $1300^\circ\text{C}$  and  $1350^\circ\text{C}$  the addition of 10 wt%  $\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4$  yields the assemblage pyrochlore, hafnolite and Fe-psuedobrookite (Table 2, 3 and C10). Pyrochlore contains 1-

1.5 wt% FeO with trace Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The average structural formula is (Ca<sub>1.02</sub>Fe<sub>0.05</sub>Ce<sub>0.25</sub>Gd<sub>0.24</sub>Hf<sub>0.06</sub>U<sub>0.38</sub>)(Ti<sub>1.85</sub>Hf<sub>0.07</sub>Al<sub>0.03</sub>Fe<sub>0.05</sub>)O<sub>6.63</sub>, maintaining the Ce/Gd ratio (~1) of the starting materials. Hafnolite, with the structural formula (Ca<sub>0.60</sub>Ce<sub>0.14</sub>Gd<sub>0.24</sub>U<sub>0.02</sub>)(Al<sub>0.13</sub>Fe<sub>0.31</sub>Hf<sub>0.47</sub>U<sub>0.10</sub>)(Al<sub>0.16</sub>Ti<sub>1.84</sub>)O<sub>6.76</sub>, is stabilized through incorporation of both Fe and Al at the ~3.5 wt% and the ~5 wt% levels, respectively (Table 13). This is not unexpected since both Fe and Al alone stabilize hafnolite. Both pyrochlore and hafnolite have less than 7 oxygens per 4 cations when calculated on the basis of Fe<sup>+2</sup>, Ce<sup>+3</sup> and U<sup>+4</sup>.

If we assume Fe<sup>+3</sup>, Ce<sup>+4</sup>/ΣCe=0.33, ideal stoichiometries for pyrochlore and hafnolite are obtained for UO<sub>2.7</sub> and UO<sub>2.51</sub>, respectively at 1350°C. These values are indistinguishable from those obtained in the Al- and Fe-doped runs suggesting that the Fe valence in all runs is Fe<sup>+3</sup>.

Stewart *et al.* (1999) have added Fe and Al together with Cr, Mn and Ga to both Ce-analog and Pu-bearing formulations. In air and Ar at 1350°C loweringite was the saturating accessory phase enriched in both Fe and Al. The chemically more complex loweringite,



is clearly stabilized by the presence of Ga, Cr, Mn, etc. In the absence of additional di- and trivalent cations we observe Fe-Al psuedobrookite (Al<sub>1.6</sub>Fe<sub>0.4</sub>)TiO<sub>5</sub> which is free of Ce, Gd and U. In more complex compositions the effect of Fe-Al additions will depend upon the other cations present and the chemical durability of phases like loweringite.

#### 4.1.10 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% MgAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

At 1300°C and 1350°C the addition of 10 wt% MgAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> yields assemblages containing pyrochlore and Mg-psuedobrookite (Table 2, 3 and C11, Plate 8). Hafnolite is also found in the 1300°C experiment and contains ~1.5 wt% MgO. Pyrochlore contains less than 1 wt% MgO, and has the structural formula

$(\text{Ca}_{0.98}\text{Ce}_{0.25}\text{Gd}_{0.22}\text{U}_{0.37})(\text{Ti}_{1.90}\text{Hf}_{0.16}\text{Al}_{0.03}\text{Mg}_{0.09})\text{O}_{6.68}$  with the nominal Ce/Gd ratio of the starting material.

Mg-psuedobrookite,  $\text{Mg}_{0.5}\text{Al}_{1.0}\text{Ti}_{1.5}\text{O}_5$ , like the Fe-psuedobrookite from the previous section has virtually no Ce or Gd, but does contain  $\text{HfO}_2$  at the ~3 wt% level. Mg-Al psuedobrookite clearly buffers the Mg content of pyrochlore at a lower value than  $\text{Mg}_2\text{TiO}_4$  or  $\text{MgTiO}_3$  in the MgO-doped runs. As such, the Ti-site has ~1.9 Ti per 4 cations requiring little Mg on the Ti-site, which precludes a charge deficiency on this site. This is reflected in lower  $\text{UO}_x$  values,  $x=2.76$ .

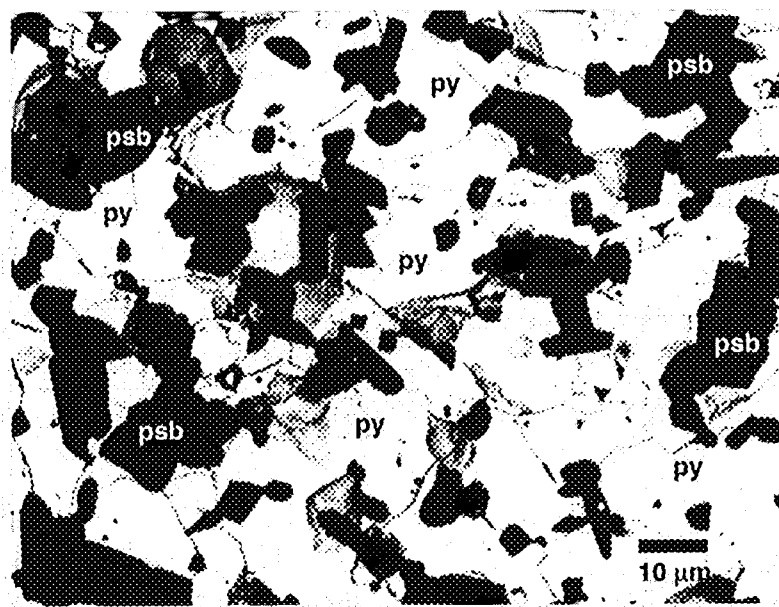


Plate 8. Backscattered electron image of baseline formulation with 10 wt%  $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$  added. Sintered at 1350°C in air (12/1). Phase assemblage includes pyrochlore (py) and psuedobrookite (psb)

#### 4.1.11 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% $\text{CaAl}_2\text{O}_4$

As is the case with the addition of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  alone, the addition of  $\text{CaAl}_2\text{O}_4$  to the baseline formulation leads to the stabilization of hafnolite and a number of aluminate phases (Table 2, 3, C12, Plate 9). Pyrochlore is present in all runs and has the structural formula (1350°C)  $(\text{Ca}_{1.13}\text{Ce}_{0.22}\text{Gd}_{0.18}\text{Hf}_{0.11}\text{U}_{0.36})(\text{Al}_{0.03}\text{Hf}_{0.03}\text{Ti}_{1.95})\text{O}_{6.6}$ . Hafnolite is also present in runs

conducted at both 1300°C and 1350°C and contains ~3.5 wt% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Brannerite does not appear in any of these runs, which may be a result of the increased Ca concentration.

The elevated Ca activity is apparent in the pyrochlore chemistry which has greater than 1 Ca per 4 cations in these materials. Like the addition of other divalent cations, addition of Ca to the A-site in pyrochlore requires oxidation of uranium or cerium to maintain stoichiometry, reflected here as UO<sub>2.85</sub> assuming  $Ce^{+4}/\sum Ce = 0.33$ .

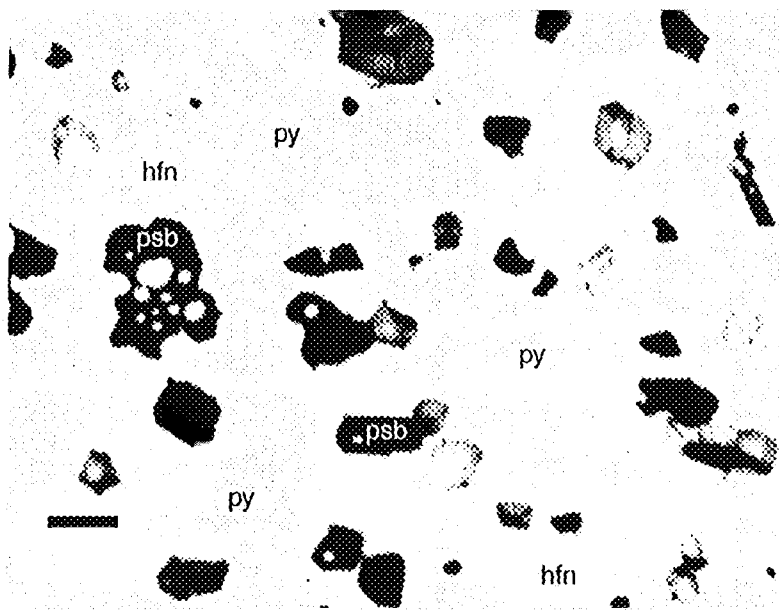


Plate 9. Backscattered electron image of baseline formulation with 10 wt% CaAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> added. Sintered at 1350°C in air (13/1). Phase assemblage includes pyrochlore (py) and hafnolite (hfn) and pseudobrookite (psb).

The aluminate assemblage varies with temperature (Table 2). At 1300°C corundum and rutile coexist with a calcium-lanthanide aluminotitanate. At 1350°C the calcium-lanthanide aluminotitanate (CTA) is the only Al-rich phase present. The nominal CTA stoichiometry is 12 cations/19 oxygens, (Ca<sub>0.76</sub>Ce<sub>2.35</sub>Gd<sub>0.04</sub>)(Al<sub>8.2</sub>Ti<sub>2.75</sub>)O<sub>19</sub> (in the 1350°C experiment) and is similar to the magnetoplumbite structure analogs found in wasteforms formulated for US Defense wastes (Ryerson, 1984, Morgan *et al.*, 1981). Unlike many of the titanate phases encountered here, CTA appears to preferentially incorporate the light lanthanide elements, and contains little gadolinium (< 1 wt%). CTA also contains no

uranium. If cerium is an adequate analog for plutonium in this phase, then these results indicate that a Pu-bearing phase with virtually no neutron absorbers will be produced by the addition of calcium and aluminum together. In this connection, Stewart *et al.* (1999) found no detectable Pu in magnetoplumbite in a Pu-bearing formulation with enriched levels of Al, Cr, Mn, Fe and Ga synthesized in air at 1350°C. The compositions required to eliminate CTA from the wasteform can be estimated using the compositions of pyrochlore and hafnolite from our 1350°C run. For instance a CTA-free material with 10 wt% hafnolite and 90% pyrochlore would have an  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{PuO}_2$  ratio of 0.13; 20% hafnolite and 80% pyrochlore yields  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{PuO}_2=0.21$ .

#### 4.1.12 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% $\text{MoO}_3$

A single experiment conducted in air at 1350°C to which 10wt%  $\text{MoO}_3$  was added (Table 2, 3, C13) resulted in the assemblage pyrochlore-brannerite and the Ca-molybdate, powellite. The Ca-molybdate is nominally  $\text{CaMoO}_4$  which contains ~1 wt% each  $\text{CeO}_2$  and  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$  and insignificant uranium. Molybdenum is also slightly soluble in pyrochlore and contains 1.73 wt% and has the structural formula,  $\text{Ca}_{1.06}\text{Ce}_{0.21}\text{Gd}_{0.26}\text{Hf}_{0.12}\text{U}_{0.36}(\text{Ti}_{1.81}\text{Hf}_{0.13}\text{Mo}_{0.06})\text{O}_{6.76}$ . The number of Ti cations/4 total cations, 1.81, is lower than that in the baseline assemblage, ~1.9, and is likely due to the incorporation of Mo on the Ti-site. Substitution of  $\text{Mo}^{+6}$  for Ti results in excess charge on the Ti-site. This can be balanced by reduction in the valence of Ce and U on the A-site. As such the valence of uranium here is  $\text{UO}_{2.57}$ . Brannerite contains negligible molybdenum.

The composition of a  $\text{CaMoO}_4$ -free assemblage is fixed by the solubility of Mo in pyrochlore. The molar ratio  $\text{MoO}_4/\text{CeO}_2$  in this pyrochlore is 0.27; at higher Mo contents, a molybdate is likely to form. However, since the phase contains little of the plutonium-analog element, Ce, it is unlikely to degrade the durability of the waste form.



#### 4.1.13 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% WO<sub>3</sub>

The addition of 10 wt% WO<sub>3</sub> to the baseline assemblage has an effect similar to that of MoO<sub>3</sub>, resulting in the stabilization of scheelite, CaWO<sub>4</sub>, coexisting with rutile, brannerite and pyrochlore at 1350°C in air (Table 2, 3, C14). However, unlike molybdenum, tungsten has significant solubility in pyrochlore which contains 14.37 wt% WO<sub>3</sub>. Stewart *et al.* (1999) observed a similar preference of pyrochlore for tungsten relative to molybdenum in experiments where pyrochlore coexisted with a powellite-scheelite solid solution. The pyrochlore structural formula is (Ca<sub>1.08</sub>Ce<sub>0.19</sub>Gd<sub>0.22</sub>Hf<sub>0.15</sub>U<sub>0.36</sub>)(Ti<sub>1.68</sub>Hf<sub>0.02</sub>W<sub>0.31</sub>)O<sub>7.02</sub>. Unlike many of the pyrochlores discussed above, the Ti content of this pyrochlore is well below that of the baseline, and the number of oxygens/4 cations is close to the ideal stoichiometry of 7. The low Ti content is due to the incorporation of W on the Ti-site. The ideal stoichiometry is obtained by casting uranium as U<sup>+4</sup> and Ce as Ce<sup>+3</sup>. The apparent reduction of uranium and cerium is the result of the excess charge on the Ti-site resulting from the exchange of W<sup>+6</sup> for Ti<sup>+4</sup>. This is balanced by a charge deficit on the B-site which can be achieved by reduction of uranium. The presence of rutile in this sample compared to its absence in the Mo-doped runs is also a product of tungsten occupying the Ti-site in pyrochlore. This produces excess Ti which stabilizes rutile. Brannerite also incorporates some tungsten (Table C14).

The high concentrations of tungsten in pyrochlore allow very loose limits to be placed on the amount of tungsten that can be safely incorporated in the ceramic. A WO<sub>3</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub> ratio of 1.68 would yield a CaWO<sub>3</sub>-free ceramic containing only pyrochlore.

#### 4.1.14 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

Phosphorus, a potential glass-former, was added to the baseline formulation at the 10 wt% level and sintered at 1300°C, 1350°C and 1400°C (Table 2, 3, C15; Plate 10). P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> has a profound effect on the wasteform mineralogy at these concentration levels, eliminating the characteristic phase, pyrochlore, from the assemblage. Instead, the

assemblage found in these compositions is brannerite - rutile - Ca-lanthanide-phosphate (CLP)  $\pm$  phosphate glass. The phosphate glass clearly penetrates the grain edge junctions of the coexisting solid phases at each temperature. Ca-lanthanide-phosphate, CLP, has the nominal formula  $\text{Ca}_{6.2}\text{Ce}_{0.4}\text{Gd}_{0.4}\text{Ti}_{0.2}\text{P}_{4.8}\text{O}_{20}$ . CLP is missing from the assemblage at 1400°C, indicating that the CLP liquidus lies between 1350°C and 1400°C.

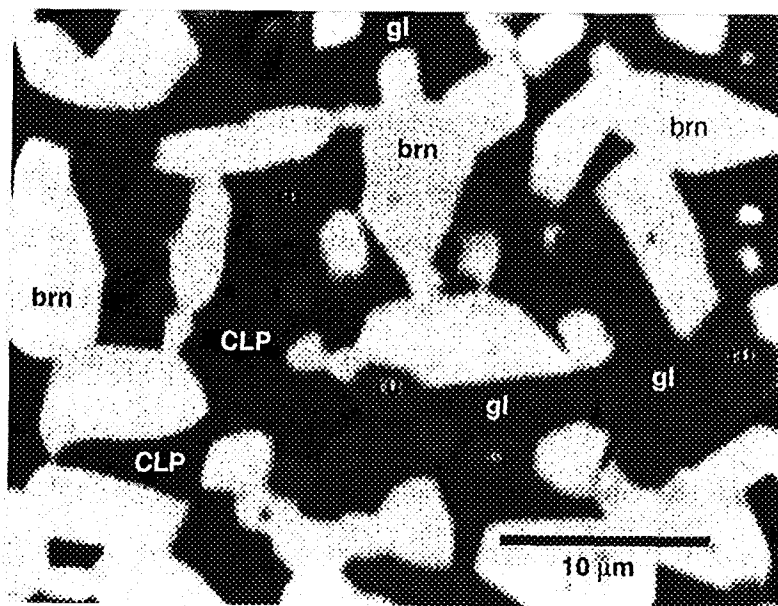
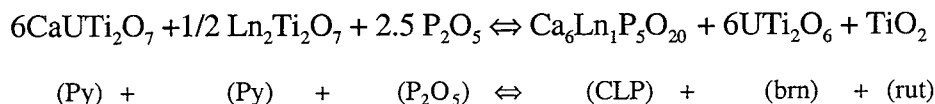


Plate 10. Backscattered electron image of baseline formulation with 10 wt%  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  added. Sintered at 1350°C in air (2/3). Phase assemblage includes brannerite (brn) and a calcium-lanthanide phosphate (CLP), rutile (ru) and phosphaste glass (gl).

In the absence of pyrochlore, the phosphorus-bearing phases become the major hosts for the Pu-analog element, cerium. The phosphate glass contains 16-18wt%  $\text{Ce}_2\text{O}_3$  compared with ~7 wt% in brannerite and CLP. Both phosphorus-bearing phases have Ce/Gd ratios close to unity, but are essentially devoid of uranium and hafnium which are largely concentrated in brannerite.

The effect of  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  addition can be represented by its reaction with the endmember pyrochlore components,  $\text{CaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{Ln}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  (where Ln is a lanthanide),



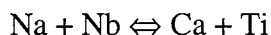
in which  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  reacts with pyrochlore to form CLP and additional brannerite. The reaction demonstrates that each mole of  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  consumes more than twice as many moles of pyrochlore. In these experiments the amount of  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  added was sufficient to consume all of the pyrochlore present. Smaller  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  additions would result in a pyrochlore-brannerite-rutile-CLP±P-glass assemblage. However, due to the absence of pyrochlore in these runs, we are unable to determine the  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  concentration in pyrochlore when it coexists with a phosphorus-rich accessory mineral. However,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  in phosphorus-rich-accessory mineral-saturated brannerite is below detection. Assuming that pyrochlore concentrates similar quantities of  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , yields the conservative approximation that any addition of  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  will result in the stabilization of a phosphorus-rich accessory mineral. This is supported by the work of Stewart *et al.* (1999) who were unable to detect  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  in pyrochlore, hafnolite and brannerite coexisting with a silicate that contained 3 wt%  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ .

#### 4.1.15 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% $\text{SiO}_2$

The addition of  $\text{SiO}_2$  at the 10 wt% level also results in a pyrochlore-free assemblage at 1300°C and 1350°C (Table 2, 3, C16). Here the absence of pyrochlore is explained by its dissolution in a compositionally unusual high- $\text{TiO}_2$  silicate glass. The glass contains only 15 wt%  $\text{SiO}_2$  and 32 wt%  $\text{TiO}_2$ . In addition the glass is high in lanthanides, hafnium and uranium (Table C16). The coexisting brannerite is slightly higher in  $\text{HfO}_2$  than the baseline run products, but otherwise very similar. Neither brannerite nor rutile contain detectable  $\text{SiO}_2$ .

#### 4.1.16 The baseline assemblage with 10 and 20 wt% NaAlSiO<sub>4</sub>

Sodium is a difficult element to immobilize in a titanate assemblage, typically requiring the addition of pentavalent cations such as niobium to allow coupled substitution such as,



which promote sodium incorporation in titanate minerals (cf, Vance *et al.*, 1991). The alternative is to add silica and alumina to fix sodium as an alkali alumino-silicate mineral and/or glass, as proposed for the immobilization of Savannah River wastes in a Synroc assemblage (Ryerson, 1984). The component phases of Synroc are not stable in assemblages with high silica activity, (e.g., in equilibrium with quartz, cf, Nesbitt *et al.*, 1981). Since, nepheline, NaAlSiO<sub>4</sub> is also unstable in assemblages with high silica activities, it is a reasonable component to use in simulating the effects of alkali alumino-silicate additions to this Pu-disposition ceramic. Here, in an attempt to generate sufficient quenched melt to analyze with the electron probe, we have prepared starting materials with 10 and 20 wt% NaAlSiO<sub>4</sub> (Table 2, 3, C17 and C18).

Samples containing 10 wt% NaAlSiO<sub>4</sub> result in pyrochlore-rutile-melt assemblages at 1300°C and 1350°C (Plate 11). These samples also contain small (~1 × 10 μm) laths of hafnolite (Plate 12). The hafnolite is euhedral and in spite of its size relative to the coexisting pyrochlore and rutile appears to be a part of the stable phase assemblage. Dendritic quench crystals are also obvious in some parts of the sample (Plate 12). With the addition of 20 wt% NaAlSiO<sub>4</sub>, rutile is no longer present, and the quenched assemblage consists of pyrochlore and hafnolite. These phases coexist with quenched melt containing abundant dendritic quench crystals (Plate 12).

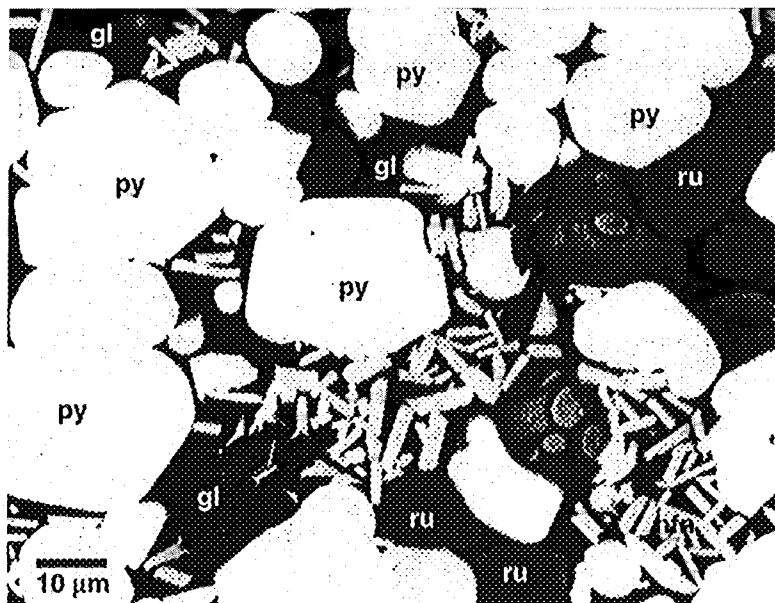
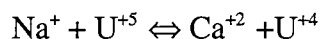
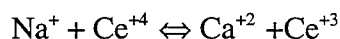


Plate 11. Backscattered electron image of baseline formulation plus 10wt% NaAlSiO<sub>4</sub> sintered at 1350°C in air (15/1). Phase assemblage contains pyrochlore (py), hafnolite (hfn, as small laths) rutile (ru) and silicate glass (gl).

The pyrochlore composition is relatively consistent among these 4 experiments, although different from that in the baseline assemblage, as it contains ~1 wt% Na<sub>2</sub>O. The nominal structural formula for these pyrochlores is Na<sub>0.14</sub>Ca<sub>0.89</sub>Ce<sub>0.25</sub>Gd<sub>0.24</sub>Hf<sub>0.1</sub>U<sub>0.38</sub>(Ti<sub>1.87</sub>Hf<sub>0.12</sub>)O<sub>6.65</sub> compared to that in the baseline material, Ca<sub>1.04</sub>Ce<sub>0.23</sub>Gd<sub>0.23</sub>Hf<sub>0.21</sub>U<sub>0.39</sub>(Ti<sub>1.89</sub>Al<sub>0.1</sub>)O<sub>6.7</sub>. Based upon the decreased calcium content of the Na-bearing pyrochlore, it appears that sodium replaces calcium in the structure. Given the similarity in the other cation concentrations, the exact substitution is difficult to determine. It is possible that Na is accommodated through a change in the oxidation state of either cerium or uranium,



or



Values of  $\text{UO}_x$  are all more oxidized than  $\text{UO}_{2.8}$  which is consistent with these reactions (Table C17 and C18). None of the pyrochlores contains detectable  $\text{SiO}_2$ , and the Ce/Gd ratios are all close to unity, the same as the ratio in the starting material.

The hafnolites contain ~2.5-3.0 wt%  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ . This is slightly lower than the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  concentrations in hafnolites from the experiments in which they coexist with corundum or Al-psuedobrookite (section 4.1.2). Like the other hafnolites observed, the lanthanides are fractionated with a Ce/Gd ratio of ~0.5.

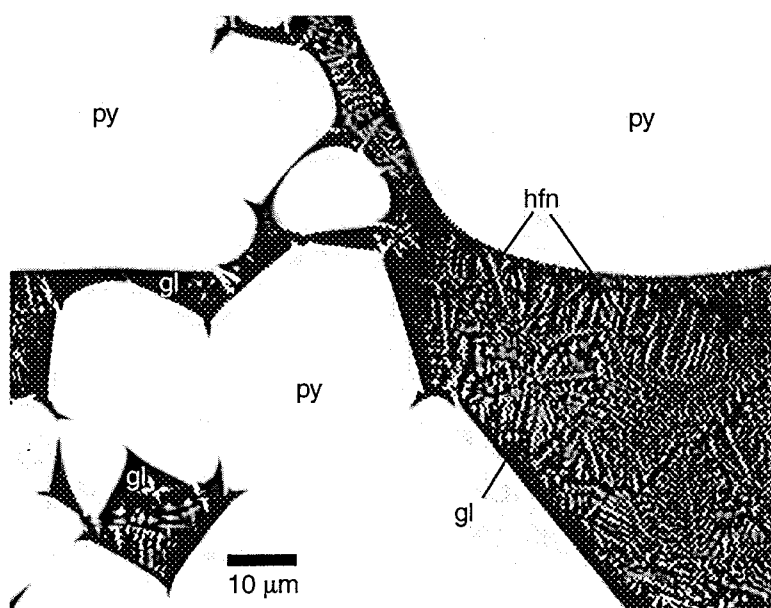


Plate 12. Backscattered electron image of baseline formulation plus 20 wt%  $\text{NaAlSiO}_4$  sintered at  $1350^\circ\text{C}$  in air (16/1). Phase assemblage contains pyrochlore (py), hafnolite (hfn, as small quench crystals), and silicate glass (gl).

Analysis of the glass phase is complicated by the presence of quench material (Plate 12). This is especially true for the samples containing 20 wt%  $\text{NaAlSiO}_4$  (Plate 12). Nevertheless, by focussing analyses on regions with low concentrations of quench crystals, clear trends in melt composition as a function of temperature are revealed. The glass composition at  $1350^\circ\text{C}$  is rather unusual, containing only 15 wt%  $\text{SiO}_2$  and 43 wt%  $\text{TiO}_2$  (Table C18). The  $1350^\circ\text{C}$  glass also contains significant amounts of Ce, Gd, Hf and U. Relative to the  $1350^\circ\text{C}$  glass composition, that of the  $1300^\circ\text{C}$  run is higher in Na, Al, and

Si, but lower in Ti, Ce, Gd, Hf and U. The Ce/Gd ratio is >2 in the glass, reflecting the strong fractionation of the lanthanides by hafnolite. Partition coefficients between pyrochlore and melt,  $D^{py/melt}$  (= wt% in pyrochlore/wt% in melt) are less than unity for Na, Al and Si, and greater than unity for Ce, Gd, Hf and U (Ti is complicated by the appearance of rutile which buffers its concentration in the melt). The compositional trends with temperature are exactly what one would predict from simple mineral-melt fractionation – depletion of pyrochlore-compatible elements and the enrichment of pyrochlore-incompatible elements. Most importantly, the trend indicates that the silicate melt will become increasingly depleted in radionuclide and neutron absorbers during slow cooling and continued crystallization of the melt. Analysis of the melt compositions from the 20 wt% NaAlSiO<sub>4</sub> runs leads to identical conclusions.

Much like the silicate melt bearing materials described in section 4.1.15 (10 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub> added to the baseline formulation), the titanate phase assemblage is incapable of accommodating more than trace levels of silica, and at least in these “quench experiments” we have not observed silicate mineral phases such as titanite, CaTiSiO<sub>5</sub>, that could conceivably coexist with Ti-rich mineral assemblages. Given the proposed processing conditions (Ebbinghaus *et al.*, 1999), any silica in the wasteform will result in the presence of a silicate melt during sintering. The compositional evolution of this melt during cooling observed here suggests that the eventual glass phase may be low in radionuclides and neutron absorbers, however, and may not have a deleterious effect on the chemical durability of the form. Time-temperature-transformation studies of the melt composition and crystallization are needed to validate and quantify these effects.

Interestingly, in the absence of silica, this titanate assemblage can accommodate sodium without the addition of pentavalent cations such as niobium or tantalum. This is facilitated by charge-transfer reactions involving uranium and cerium (and presumably Pu in the full radioactive equivalent of the Ce-analogs). Using the pyrochlore composition

from run 15-1, the molar  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}/\text{PuO}_2$  limit precluding the formation of an accessory phase is 0.29.

#### 4.1.17 The baseline assemblage with added calcium

$\text{CaO}$  is a major component of the wasteform. However, the activity of  $\text{CaO}$  is not buffered by a specific phase as is the case for  $\text{TiO}_2$ , which is fixed by the presence of rutile in the baseline assemblage. While addition of  $\text{TiO}_2$  will result in more modal rutile, variations in  $\text{CaO}$  concentration will qualitatively change the phase assemblage (Table 2, 3). This is clearly the case in experiments where 10 wt%  $\text{CaO}$  was added to the baseline and results in the phase assemblage pyrochlore and perovskite (Plate 13) at 1300°C, 1350°C and 1400°C. Neither rutile nor brannerite is observed in any of the runs.

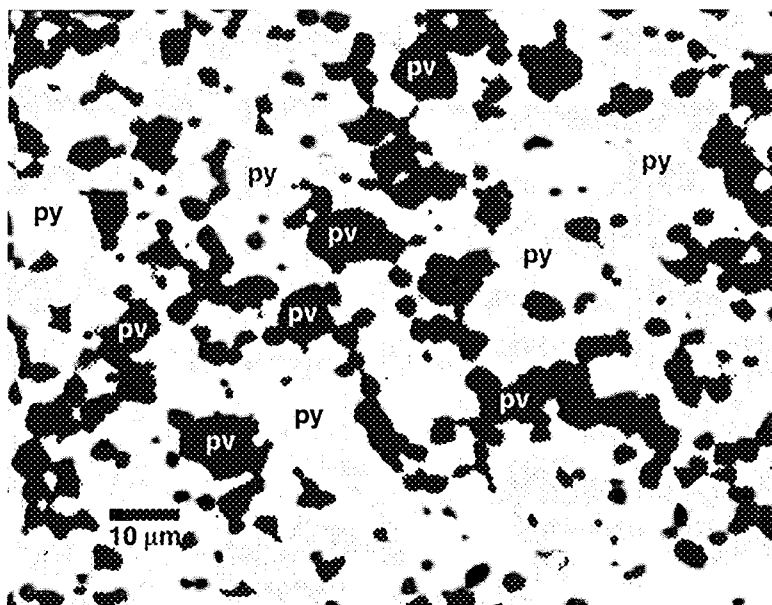


Plate 13a. Backscattered electron image of baseline formulation plus 10 wt%  $\text{CaO}$  sintered at 1350°C in air (3/3). Phase assemblage contains pyrochlore (py), perovskite (pv).

The qualitative changes observed in the phase assemblage due to variations in the activity of  $\text{CaO}$  are also reflected in quantitative changes in the pyrochlore chemistry (Table C19). For instance, the structural formula for the pyrochlore in the 1350°C run on the  $\text{CaO}$ -doped material is  $\text{Ca}_{1.21}\text{Ce}_{0.20}\text{Gd}_{0.19}\text{U}_{0.43}(\text{Ti}_{1.58}\text{Hf}_{0.39}\text{Al}_{0.01})\text{O}_{6.59}$  compared to



$\text{Ca}_{1.04}\text{Gd}_{0.23}\text{Hf}_{0.11}\text{U}_{0.39}\text{Ce}_{0.23}(\text{Ti}_{1.89}\text{Hf}_{0.10}\text{Al}_{0.01})\text{O}_{6.7}$  in the undoped baseline material at the same temperature. The number of Ca per 4 total cations exceeds the more typical value of  $\sim 1$  in most other runs. As the overall structural formula for pyrochlore,  $\text{A}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ , possesses 2 equivalent A-sites there is no structural constraint precluding more than one Ca per formula unit. Rather, in these high variance assemblages, the typical single Ca per formula unit reflects the bulk composition rather than a limit imposed by phase equilibria or crystal chemistry. The Ce/Gd molar ratio in pyrochlore remains close to unity in all runs, despite the change in the Ca-content. The high Ca content is also reflected in uranium valences greater than  $\text{UO}_{2.87}$  (Table C19).

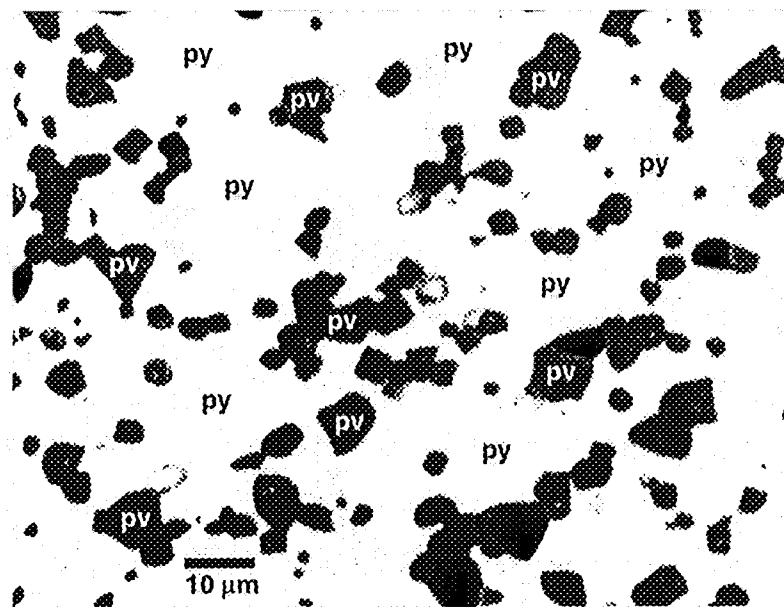


Plate 13b. Backscattered electron image of baseline formulation plus 10 wt%  $\text{CaF}_2$  sintered at  $1350^\circ\text{C}$  in air (3/3). Phase assemblage contains pyrochlore (py), perovskite (pv).

Perovskite has somewhat lower lanthanide concentrations than the coexisting pyrochlore and is virtually free of uranium (Table C19). At  $1350^\circ\text{C}$  the nominal perovskite formula is  $(\text{Ca}_{0.87}\text{Ce}_{0.06}\text{Gd}_{0.05}\text{Hf}_{0.01})\text{Ti}_{1.01}\text{O}_{3.08}$ . The excess oxygen (calculated for  $\text{Ce}^{+3}$ ) may indicate the presence of minor cation vacancies in these perovskites.

Calcium was also added to the baseline formulation as  $\text{CaF}_2$  (10 wt%) in an attempt to saturate the assemblage in fluorite. Microprobe analysis failed to detect any fluorine-bearing phase however, indicating that fluorine was lost due to volatilization at high temperature (Table C20). The primary phase assemblage in the  $\text{CaF}_2$ -doped experiments is pyrochlore and perovskite, and is similar to those observed in CaO-doped runs (Table 2). The only exception is the presence of hafnolite in the 1300°C (3/1, Table C20). In addition,  $\text{CaF}_2$  appears to have enhanced densification and grain growth relative to CaO (Plate 13), presumably resulting from rapid grain boundary transport due to the escaping molten or vapor phase.

The chemistry of pyrochlore in the  $\text{CaF}_2$ -doped materials differs somewhat from those in the CaO-doped samples. For instance, the structural formula for the pyrochlore produced in the 1350°C  $\text{CaF}_2$ -doped experiment is  $\text{Ca}_{1.17}(\text{Ce}_{0.19}\text{Gd}_{0.17}\text{Hf}_{0.11}\text{U}_{0.38})(\text{Ti}_{1.83}\text{Hf}_{0.16})\text{O}_{6.65}$ . The Ca concentration is again greater than 1 as a result of increased CaO-activity. However, the Hf/Ti ratio of this pyrochlore is lower than that in the CaO-doped samples. As the compositions of the perovskites in both materials is essentially the same (Table C19 and C20), the variation in the Hf/Ti ratio can only result in a change in bulk composition. However, the “as-made” compositions have the same Hf/Ti ratio (Table 1). The presence of hafnolite in some runs may resolve this paradox, if hafnolite nucleation was somehow enhanced by the presence of a fluorine-rich volatile phase early in the experiment. If this early hafnolite failed to re-equilibrate, it would effectively decrease the Hf/Ti ratio in the remainder of the sample. Comparison of the structural formulas for the CaO- and  $\text{CaF}_2$ -doped runs demonstrates that the variation in this Hf/Ti ratio is accommodated on the Ti-site, with the concentration of Hf on the A-site remaining constant. This observation may be valuable in predicting the change in pyrochlore chemistry with variations in Hf/Ti.

#### 4.1.18 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% MnO<sub>2</sub>

The addition of MnO<sub>2</sub> to the baseline formulation also results in the stabilization of perovskite at the expense of brannerite and rutile (Tables 2 and C21, Plate 14). Unlike the addition of CaO in which CaO is concentrated in and thereby stabilizes perovskite, manganese is actually partitioned into pyrochlore (Table C21). At 1350°C the pyrochlore stoichiometry is (Ca<sub>0.72</sub>Gd<sub>0.19</sub>Ce<sub>0.19</sub>Mn<sub>0.46</sub>Hf<sub>0.12</sub>U<sub>0.34</sub>)(Ti<sub>1.87</sub>Hf<sub>0.12</sub>Al<sub>0.01</sub>)O<sub>6.62</sub>. Notably, the Ti-site occupancy is ~2 cations/4 total cations which essentially precludes the incorporation of Mn on that site. Unlike all of the previous samples discussed, however, the Ca concentration on the A-site is much less than 1, equaling 0.72 Ca per 4 total cations. Similarly, the concentrations of Ce and Gd are lower in these pyrochlores than in the baseline formulation processed under identical conditions; 0.19 vs 0.25 Ce per 4 cations

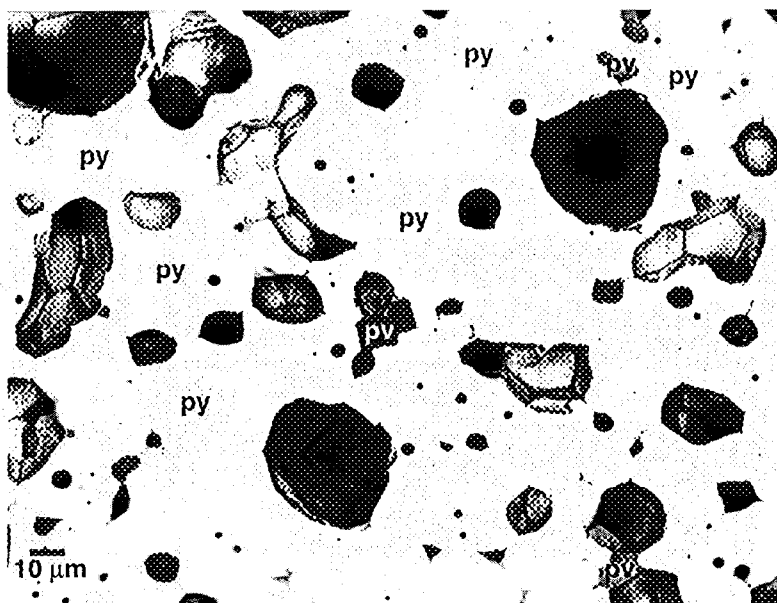


Plate 14. Backscattered electron image of a baseline formulation plus 10 wt% MnO<sub>2</sub>, sintered at 1350 C in air (20/1). Assemblage includes pyrochlore (py) and perovskite (pv).

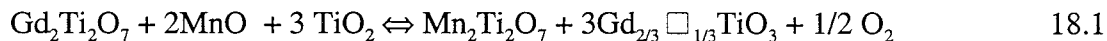
and 0.19 vs 0.23 Gd/4 cations for the Mn-doped and baseline formulations, respectively (Tables 4, 5 and C21). The decreased Ca and lanthanide concentrations are balanced by the incorporation of manganese. Clearly, the strong affinity of manganese for pyrochlore

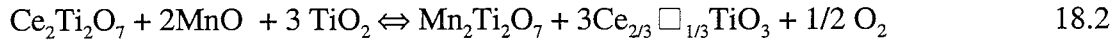
releases Ca and lanthanides to the matrix that in turn stabilize perovskite. The Ce/Gd molar ratio of the Mn-doped pyrochlore is not significantly different from those of the baseline. The uranium content is also similar.

When calculated on the basis of  $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\Sigma\text{Ce}=0.33$  and  $\text{Mn}^{+2}$ , the average uranium valence is greater than  $\text{UO}_3$ . This requires that all uranium be hexavalent or  $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\Sigma\text{Ce}$  greater than 0.33. Alternatively, Mn could be present in a higher valence state that would allow more typical values of  $\text{UO}_x$  and  $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\Sigma\text{Ce}$ .

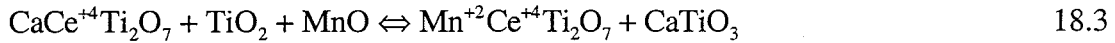
The perovskites in the Mn-doped runs are very similar to those observed in the CaO-doped experiments (section 4.1.17 and Table C19 and C20). The T-site is essentially filled by Ti, with small amounts of Hf and Al, and uranium is barely detectable. The Ce/Gd molar ratio is slightly less than one. The only significant difference in the perovskites from the Mn-doped runs is the decreased Ca content that is compensated by the presence of manganese.

Like the pyrochlores described for other formulations, those in the Mn-doped runs are oxygen deficient for stoichiometries calculated on the basis of  $\text{Ce}^{+3}$ ,  $\text{U}^{+4}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{+2}$  and no cation vacancies. Unfortunately, given the number of possible combinations of valence states that could be used to reconcile the non-stoichiometry, no unique solution can be obtained based upon the observed chemistry alone. For instance, at 1350°C conversion of all the uranium to  $\text{U}^{+6}$  and cerium and manganese as +3 and +2, respectively yields close-to-ideal stoichiometry, 6.90 O/4 cations. Other combinations including  $\text{U}^{+4}$ ,  $\text{U}^{+5}$ ,  $\text{Ce}^{+4}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{+3}$  would yield equivalent results. The uncertainty in valence states propagates into similar uncertainties regarding pyrochlore components and the reactions that describe phase changes due to manganese addition. Possible reactions include the following in which rutile and pyrochlore components are consumed and perovskite and Mn-bearing pyrochlores are produced,



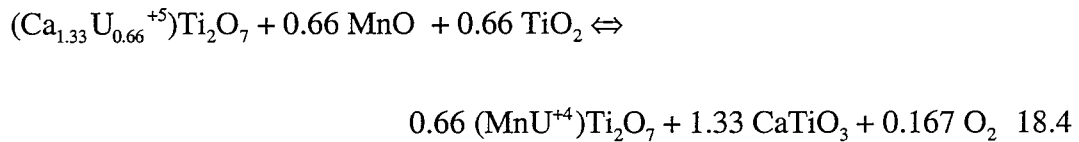


where  $\square$  represents a vacancy. Reactions 18.1 and 18.2 illustrate the consumption of trivalent lanthanide pyrochlore to produce non-stoichiometric lanthanide perovskite and a trivalent manganese pyrochlore, and involve no change in valence. Oxygen is involved due to the non-stoichiometry of the perovskite components.



Reaction 18.3 illustrates the consumption of a Ca-quadravalent Ce pyrochlore to produce and Mn-Ce pyrochlore and a stoichiometric Ca-Ti perovskite molecule. Reactions 18.1, 18.2 and 18.3 are consistent with the reduction in Ca and lanthanides in pyrochlore and with the stabilization of perovskite resulting from MnO addition.

Other endmember reactions involve changes in the valence of uranium with addition of manganese. For instance, reaction 18.4 illustrates the consumption of a pentavalent uranium-bearing pyrochlore component,  $(\text{Ca}_{1.33}\text{U}_{0.66}^{+5})\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ , to produce a quadravalent uranium-bearing pyrochlore and perovskite.



This reaction also mimics the relatively small change in uranium concentration of pyrochlore with Mn addition and the decrease in calcium. As in the previous reactions, rutile is consumed and perovskite created. The release of a calcium-rich component in the reactions above, also explains the absence of brannerite in these samples, as calcium reacts with brannerite to form additional pyrochlore.

Since there is no Mn-rich accessory phase in these assemblages, the impurity limit for manganese will be an issue of desired loading levels as opposed to accessory phase formation.

#### 4.1.19 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$

The addition of 10 wt%  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$  to the baseline formulation changes the Ce/Gd molar ratio of the mixture from ~1 to ~0.5, but has no effect on the nature of the baseline phase assemblage (Tables 2 and C22, Plate 15). Experiments at 1300°C and 1350°C both yield the assemblage pyrochlore – brannerite - rutile. When cast in the lowest potential valence state, the pyrochlore formula from the 1350°C run is  $(\text{Ca}_{0.93}\text{Ce}_{0.19}\text{Gd}_{0.42}\text{Hf}_{0.22}\text{U}_{0.33})(\text{Ti}_{1.91}\text{Hf}_{0.22})\text{O}_{6.76}$  which is typically oxygen deficient. This composition yields the ideal 4/7 stoichiometry if  $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\Sigma\text{Ce}=0.33$  and the average uranium

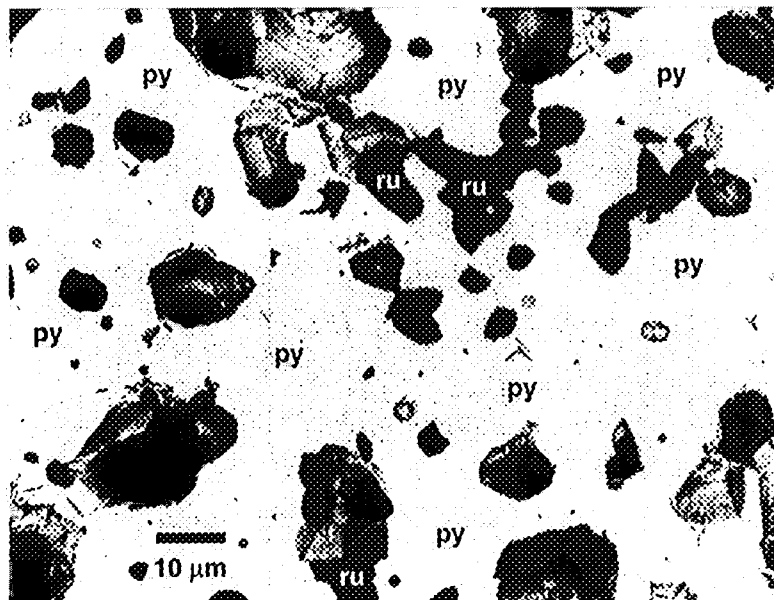


Plate 15. Baseline formulation with 10 wt%  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$  added. Sintered at 1350°C in air (14/1). Phase assemblage includes pyrochlore (py) and rutile (ru).

valence is 5.262 (equivalent to  $\text{UO}_x$  where  $x=2.631$ ). The Ce/Gd molar ratio in this pyrochlore is 0.46, and closely tracks the change in the overall bulk composition. As is the case in the baseline formulation without additives, brannerite displays a preference for the

heavier (smaller radius) lanthanides, and has a Ce/Gd molar ratio of 0.67 in the 1350°C experiment. The nominal brannerite formula is  $(\text{Ca}_{0.07}\text{Ce}_{0.17}\text{Gd}_{0.24}\text{Hf}_{0.09}\text{U}_{0.43})(\text{Ti}_{1.96}\text{Hf}_{0.02})\text{O}_{5.718}$  which is oxygen deficient, and the ideal 3/6 stoichiometry is obtained if  $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\sum\text{Ce}=0.33$  and the average uranium valence is  $\text{UO}_{2.59}$ .

#### 4.1.20 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$

The addition of 10 wt%  $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$  to the baseline formulation stabilizes hafnolite and a calcium-gallium titanate with the nominal formula  $\text{CaGa}_2\text{Ti}_3\text{O}_{10}$  (Tables 2 and C23, Plate 16). Brannerite and rutile were not observed. The structural formula for pyrochlore is  $(\text{Ca}_{1.09}\text{Ce}_{0.25}\text{Gd}_{0.21}\text{Hf}_{0.05}\text{U}_{0.42})(\text{Ti}_{1.85}\text{Ga}_{0.10}\text{Hf}_{0.05})\text{O}_{6.64}$  and it is typically oxygen deficient when based on the lowest potential oxidation states. This composition yields the ideal 4/7 stoichiometry if  $\text{Ce}^{+4}/\sum\text{Ce}=0.33$  and the average uranium valence is  $\text{UO}_{2.77}$ . The Ce/Gd molar ratio is ~1.2, and the  $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$  concentration is 2-2.5 wt%. The pyrochlore in these runs

is similar to that in the additive-free baseline with the exception of an approximately 50% decrease in the  $\text{HfO}_2$  concentration presumably due in part to replacement by gallium.

The lower Hf concentration in pyrochlore may also be due to the presence of hafnolite which is relatively enriched in Hf. The structural formula for the hafnolite produced at 1350°C is,



Hafnolite contains less uranium than the coexisting pyrochlore (Table C23) and the ideal 4/7 stoichiometry requires an average uranium valence of  $\text{UO}_{2.15}$ . Hafnolite is also enriched in gallium relative to pyrochlore containing as much as ~15 wt%  $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$  at 1300°C, and displays a strong preference for the heavy lanthanides with a Ce/Gd molar ratio of 0.57.

The accessory phase,  $\text{CaGa}_2\text{Ti}_3\text{O}_{10}$ , contains greater than 30 wt%  $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$ . It also contains ~5 wt%  $\text{Ce}_2\text{O}_3$  and ~7 wt%  $\text{UO}_2$ , but only ~5 wt%  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{HfO}_2$ . However,

given the ability of both pyrochlore and hafnolite to accommodate gallium, we do not expect this phase to form under any realistic compositional or processing scenario. For instance, an assemblage with 80 wt% pyrochlore and 20 wt% hafnolite with a  $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3/\text{PuO}_2$  ratio of 0.43 would yield no Ga-rich accessory phase. We note, however, that in more complex compositions other Ga-rich phases may form at lower Ga concentrations. For instance Stewart *et al.* (1999) synthesized a baseline formulation containing Al, Cr, Mn, Fe  $\pm$  V and Ga. When sintered in either Ar or air at 1350°C these materials resulted in the assemblage pyrochlore – hafnolite – perovskite saturated with a Ga-rich accessory titanate phase tentatively identified as loweringite. The concentration of Ga in the coexisting pyrochlore and hafnolite were roughly 50% of what we have observed here, consistent with the lower concentration of Ga in loweringite relative to  $\text{CaGa}_2\text{Ti}_3\text{O}_{10}$ .

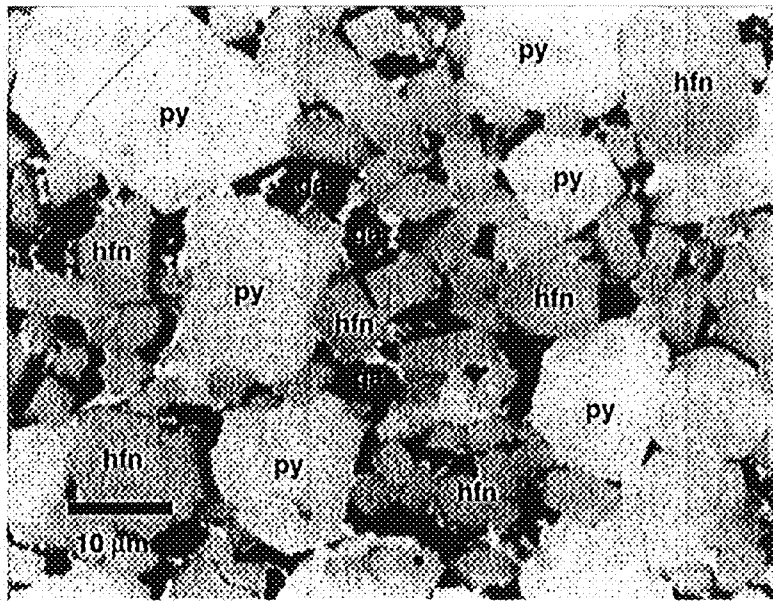


Plate 16. Backscattered electron image of baseline formulation plus 10wt%  $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$  sintered at 1350°C in air (19/1). Phase assemblage contains pyrochlore (py), hafnolite (hfn) and "galonite" (ga).



#### 4.1.19 The baseline assemblage with 10 wt% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

The addition of 10 wt% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> to the baseline formulation yields an assemblage consisting of pyrochlore – brannerite – rutile - HfTiO<sub>4</sub> (Tables 2 and C24). The absence of a niobium-rich accessory phase is explained by the ability of pyrochlore to accommodate Nb on the T-site. The pyrochlore observed here at 1350°C has ~13.5 wt% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and the structural formula, (Ca<sub>1.11</sub>Ce<sub>0.21</sub>Gd<sub>0.22</sub>Hf<sub>0.1</sub>U<sub>0.37</sub>)(Ti<sub>1.43</sub>Hf<sub>0.08</sub>Nb<sub>0.49</sub>)O<sub>6.92</sub>. The molar Ce/Gd ratio is ~1.

This pyrochlore does not display the pronounced oxygen deficiency observed in most of the other pyrochlores described here. As such, an average uranium valence state of only UO<sub>2.11</sub> is required to yield the ideal 4/7 stoichiometry (for Ce<sup>+4</sup>/ΣCe=0.33). This may be related to the excess charge on the T-site associated with incorporation of pentavalent Nb that can be charge-balanced by reducing the charge on the A-site (Table C24). In this connection, brannerite has substantially less niobium, and a lower excess charge on the T-site. The average uranium valence required for 3/6 stoichiometry is UO<sub>2.57</sub>.

Rutile contains only minor niobium, ~2 wt%. Other than the small amount of niobium accommodated in the hafnium-titanate, ~2 wt%, no other mechanism provides a means to explain the presence of this phase. As such, it may represent unreacted starting materials.

## 5.0 Discussion

The pyrochlore compositions presented here can be used to define a set of endmember components that describe its compositional variability and can be used in formulating additives for the potential wastestream compositions. The coordinate transformation is accomplished by writing a series of mass-balance equations expressing the concentrations of the initial components, in this case normalized cations, in terms of the new components. Inversion of this matrix then yields a series of equations expressing the new components in terms of the initial components. Once established, the solubility limits observed for the

various accessory phases can be expressed in terms of this new component set. This recasting of the solubility limits may help to minimize the effects of coupled substitutions.

The endmember components proposed here (Table 4) were chosen based on the following criteria:

- 1.) Pyrochlore stoichiometry,  $A_2T_2O_7$ , in which the 2 A-sites are equivalent and coupled substitutions involving the A and T sites are allowed. This insures that coupled substitutions are realistically simulated.
- 2.) Multiple oxidation states for cerium and uranium. The compositional trends and results from other work at different oxygen fugacities indicate that both elements are present in more than one oxidation state.
- 3.) Isolation of each impurity element in a single component. This allows the amount of additive required to accommodate each impurity element in pyrochlore to be easily calculated.
- 4.) Minimization of negative concentrations for the components chosen. Components that yield negative concentrations when applied to the observed compositions are valid, though of little practical use in determining the amounts of additives required by a particular wastestream composition.
- 5.) While a particular set of components may yield positive concentrations for some compositions, but result in some negative concentrations for others. We have attempted to maximize the positive concentrations for the components that include the major elements, Al, Ca, Ti, Ce, Gd, Hf, and U.

Table 4. Pyrochlore endmember components

$NaUTi_2O_7$	$Ca_2Nb_2O_7$
$CaUTiMgO_7$	$Ca_2TiMoO_7$
$Ti_2Al_2O_7$	$Ca_2Ta_2O_7$
$Cr_2Ti_2O_7$	$Ca_2TiWO_7$
$Mn_2Ti_2O_7$	$Gd_2Ti_2O_7$
$Fe_2Ti_2O_7$	$Ce_2Ti_2O_7$
$CoTi_3O_7$	$CaHfTi_2O_7$
$NiTi_3O_7$	$CaCeTiHfO_7$
$CuTi_3O_7$	$CaUTi_2O_7$
$ZnTi_3O_7$	$Ca_{1.5}U_{0.5}Ti_2O_7$
$Ti_2Ga_2O_7$	

These criteria are actually quite restrictive. For instance, for the baseline composition we have chosen the  $\text{Ti}_2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{Gd}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{CaCeTiHfO}_7$ ,  $\text{CaHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{CaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$ , and  $\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{U}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  as components. Here  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  accommodates  $\text{Ce}^{+3}$  and  $\text{CaCeTiHfO}_7$  accommodates  $\text{Ce}^{+4}$ . These components restrict the concentration of  $\text{Ce}^{+4}$  in pyrochlore to be less than that of Hf that is also present as  $\text{CaHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$ . Similarly, uranium is present as  $\text{U}^{+4}$  in  $\text{CaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{U}^{+6}$  in  $\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{U}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ . A  $\text{U}^{+5}$ -bearing component is a linear combination of  $\text{U}^{+4}$  and  $\text{U}^{+6}$ -bearing components. When applied to all of the runs containing only the major elements Al, Ca, Ti, Ce, Gd, Hf, and U only 4 negative concentrations out of 144 are obtained (Table 5). The negative concentrations are from the pyrochlores produced from the CaO-doped, Ca-perovskite-saturated experiments that have

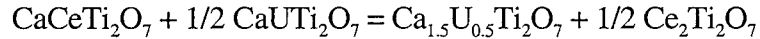
Table 5. Pyrochlore component mole fractions for baseline compositions without additives

	$\text{Ti}_2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_7$	$\text{Gd}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$	$\text{Ce}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$	$\text{CaCeTiHfO}_7$	$\text{CaHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$	$\text{CaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$	$\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{U}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$
1/1	0.004	0.112	0.056	0.125	0.070	0.135	0.498
1/2	0.000	0.116	0.059	0.127	0.101	0.180	0.417
1/3	0.008	0.116	0.087	0.072	0.149	0.120	0.448
5/1	0.002	0.117	0.057	0.120	0.065	0.182	0.456
5/2	0.003	0.115	0.061	0.106	0.119	0.172	0.423
5/3	0.006	0.116	0.050	0.129	0.094	0.168	0.436
7/1	0.013	0.109	0.084	0.098	0.033	0.099	0.561
7/2	0.015	0.132	0.039	0.145	0.043	0.142	0.479
7/3	0.014	0.106	0.092	0.081	0.068	0.104	0.533
3/1	0.003	0.087	0.012	0.174	0.045	0.086	0.593
3/2	0.005	0.089	0.006	0.173	0.094	0.108	0.525
3/3	0.006	0.086	0.009	0.171	0.091	0.103	0.533
9/1	0.001	0.096	-0.105	0.420	-0.034	0.225	0.396
9/2	0.000	0.055	-0.069	0.345	-0.053	0.214	0.487
13/1	0.013	0.092	0.087	0.048	0.093	0.025	0.639
13/2	0.008	0.093	0.085	0.060	0.057	0.042	0.654
14/1	0.003	0.211	0.050	0.090	0.126	0.130	0.389
14/2	0.003	0.210	0.036	0.122	0.093	0.123	0.413
Avg.	0.007	0.115	0.065	0.111	0.083	0.145	0.472
Std. Dev.	0.006	0.007	0.018	0.024	0.037	0.032	0.050

the highest Ca concentrations, suggesting that another set of components might be a more appropriate choice for such compositions. Aluminum is cast at  $\text{Ti}_2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_7$  in which Ti resides on the A-site and Al on the T-site. Structurally, this is probably not the best choice

of components for Al as Ti has a small ionic radius compared with other cations found on the A-site. Nevertheless, we feel that is a conservative choice that would tend to result in excess  $\text{TiO}_2$  that is easily accommodated in rutile.  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_7$  is another possible choice for an Al-rich component, but yields almost identical results due to the low concentrations of Al in pyrochlore.

We note that our initial choice of components included  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{CaCeTi}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{CaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{U}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  which appeared to be less restrictive in terms of fixing the oxidation states of cerium and uranium. Unfortunately, this set of components is not linearly independent and are related by the following equation,



The divalent transition metals, M, have been cast as  $\text{MTi}_3\text{O}_7$  and include  $\text{CoTi}_3\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{NiTi}_3\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{ZnTi}_3\text{O}_7$ , etc. This requires Ti on the A-site, but again represents a conservative choice as it would result in excess  $\text{TiO}_2$ . Iron, chromium and manganese are all considered to be trivalent under proposed processing conditions and are cast as  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{Mn}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ . Our analysis of the compositions of pyrochlores in Mg-doped runs suggests that Mg resides on the T-site. The Mg-component used is  $\text{CaUTiMgO}_7$  in which Mg is charged balanced by  $\text{U}^{+6}$ . Gallium is treated like aluminum and yields  $\text{Ti}_2\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_7$ . The high-field strength elements Nb, Ta, Mo and W reside on the T-site and are charge balanced by replacing tri- with divalent cations on the A-site,  $\text{Ca}_2\text{Nb}_5\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{Ca}_2\text{Ta}_5\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{Ca}_2\text{TiMoO}_7$ ,  $\text{Ca}_2\text{TiWO}_7$ . Sodium is cast as  $\text{NaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$  in which  $\text{U}^{+5}$  and  $\text{Na}^+$  substitute on the A-site. This is based upon our measurements of Na-bearing, but Nb/Ta-free compositions. Coupled substitution involving Na and Nb/Ta for Ca and Ti have been demonstrated elsewhere, and could be used as alternate components for Na. It is our expectation that Na will typically be more abundant on a molar basis than Nb+Ta, and components like  $\text{NaCe}^{+4}\text{TiNbO}_7$  would commonly result in negative concentrations. Conversely, uranium

will always be more abundant than sodium resulting in positive concentrations for  $\text{NaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$ .

The concentrations of endmember components for impurity-free runs (Al, Ca, Ti, Ce, Gd, Hf, and U only) are given in Table 5, and yield a well-defined average for the perovskite-free samples. The major component is  $\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{U}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  with a mole fraction of  $0.47 \pm 0.05$ , followed by roughly equal amounts of  $\text{Gd}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{CaCeTiHfO}_7$ ,  $\text{CaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$  with mole fractions of 0.11-0.15.  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{CaHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$  have mole fractions of 0.065 and 0.083, respectively, and  $\text{Ti}_2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_7$  is negligible. This corresponds to an average baseline pyrochlore composition of  $\text{Ca}_{1.05}\text{Ce}_{0.24}\text{Gd}_{0.23}\text{U}_{0.39}\text{Hf}_{0.09}\text{Ti}_{1.89}\text{Al}_{0.01}\text{Hf}_{0.10}\text{O}_7$ . The variations in pyrochlore component compositions produced by impurity additions (Table 6) are easily reconciled in terms of pyrochlore crystal-chemistry.

Sodium is associated with hexavalent uranium in the molecule  $\text{NaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$ . The major effect of sodium addition is to consume the quadravalent uranium-bearing component,  $\text{CaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$ . This is equivalent to oxidation of uranium that was discussed earlier.

The addition of calcium (as either oxide or fluoride) is reflected as an increase in  $\text{CaCeTiHfO}_7$  and decreases in  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{CaHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$  that in some cases yield small negative concentrations. By fixing cerium and hafnium in  $\text{CaCeTiHfO}_7$ , the remaining components are relatively depleted, corresponding to a decrease in the concentrations of  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{CaHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$ . We have tried a number of other possible component sets in combination with assumptions regarding the valence states of cerium and uranium, and find no improvement over the components presented here for high-Ca pyrochlores.

The addition of Mg yields  $\text{CaUTiMgO}_7$  with corresponding decreases in the other uranium-bearing components,  $\text{CaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{U}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ . The fixation of Ca in  $\text{CaUTiMgO}_7$  may also lead to small negative concentrations of  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{CaHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$  for reasons outlined for high-Ca samples above.

Table 6. Pyrochlore mole fractions of impurity runs on Ce-Hf-U formulation with and without added impurities

	NaUTi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CaUTiMgO <sub>7</sub>	Ti <sub>3</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ce <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Mn <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CoTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	NiTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CuTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	ZnTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ti <sub>2</sub> Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> TiMoO <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> TiWO <sub>7</sub>	Gd <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ce <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CaHfTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CaCeTiHfO <sub>7</sub>	CaUTi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>13</sub> U <sub>6</sub> Ti <sub>3</sub> O <sub>40</sub>
1/1	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.112	0.055	0.068	0.127	0.140	0.494
1/2	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.116	0.059	0.101	0.127	0.180	0.417
1/3	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.116	0.085	0.146	0.075	0.131	0.440
5/1	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.117	0.057	0.064	0.121	0.185	0.454
5/2	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.060	0.118	0.108	0.176	0.420
5/3	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.116	0.048	0.091	0.132	0.177	0.430
7/1	0.000	0.000	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.109	0.081	0.027	0.104	0.119	0.548
7/2	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.132	0.036	0.036	0.153	0.164	0.464
7/3	0.000	0.000	0.014	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.106	0.089	0.061	0.088	0.125	0.519
3/1	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.087	0.011	0.044	0.175	0.090	0.591
3/2	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.004	0.091	0.175	0.114	0.521
3/3	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.086	0.007	0.088	0.174	0.111	0.528
9/1	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.096	-0.105	-0.035	0.420	0.228	0.395
9/2	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.055	-0.069	-0.053	0.345	0.214	0.487
13/1	0.000	0.000	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.092	0.083	0.087	0.055	0.044	0.626
13/2	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.093	0.083	0.052	0.064	0.055	0.645
14/1	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.211	0.049	0.124	0.092	0.135	0.386
14/2	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.210	0.036	0.092	0.123	0.127	0.410
6/1	0.000	0.153	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.122	-0.037	-0.056	0.346	0.164	0.307
6/2	0.000	0.218	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.028	0.072	0.197	0.106	0.260
6/3	0.000	0.215	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.118	-0.005	0.032	0.270	0.122	0.246
12/1	0.000	0.091	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.122	0.150	0.009	0.051	0.454
12/2	0.000	0.081	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.105	0.115	0.111	0.021	0.062	0.495
17/1	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.127	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.114	-0.049	-0.125	0.342	0.185	0.401
17/2	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.111	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.112	-0.009	-0.092	0.274	0.135	0.469
18/1	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.055	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.128	0.007	-0.060	0.249	0.182	0.436
18/2	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.130	0.028	-0.015	0.213	0.055	0.512
19/1	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.047	-0.058	0.154	0.128	0.575
19/2	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.053	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.080	0.057	-0.093	0.155	0.094	0.652
20/1	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.230	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.095	0.028	0.092	0.132	0.256	0.162
20/2	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.233	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.092	0.029	0.081	0.137	0.234	0.188
21/1	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.091	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.122	-0.002	0.022	0.230	0.191	0.345
21/2	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.063	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.123	0.008	-0.018	0.225	0.187	0.408
22/1	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.018	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.123	0.056	0.134	0.121	0.181	0.362
22/2	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.116	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.032	-0.071	0.166	0.083	0.585
P229	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.057	0.000	0.000	0.128	0.040	0.115	0.132	0.184	0.345
P232	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.309	0.111	0.086	0.153	0.015	0.384	-0.058
P243	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.087	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.105	0.049	-0.175	0.392	0.195	0.348
15/1	0.141	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.122	0.058	0.085	0.131	0.022	0.433
15/2	0.148	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.070	0.045	0.121	0.012	0.490
16/1	0.163	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.136	0.042	0.066	0.185	0.001	0.400
16/2	0.179	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	-0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.087	0.067	0.098	-0.048	0.496

Magnesium is the only divalent cation we believe to be incorporated on the T-site. The effect of adding other divalent cations is best illustrated by the Ni-bearing runs. Here nickel is incorporated as  $\text{NiTi}_3\text{O}_7$ , which requires 3 Ti/Ni atoms. The relatively high Ti content of this component depletes the amount of Ti available to the other components, and is reflected in negative concentrations for the remaining components with the highest Ti/M ratios,  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{CaHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$ .  $\text{Gd}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  is unaffected as it is the only Gd-bearing molecule formulated. Minor improvement, i.e., smaller negative concentrations, can be obtained by casting Ni as  $\text{NiCeTi}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{NiHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$  or  $\text{NiUTi}_2\text{O}_7$  where the ratio of Ti to Ni is lower. However, if these components are to be used in formulating additives,  $\text{NiTi}_3\text{O}_7$  is the preferred component as it will result in an excess of Ti that is buffered by rutile. The other divalent cations will yield similar results.

Similar patterns are also produced by the addition of trivalent cations such as Cr, Fe, Mn and Ga where  $\text{M}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  components fix Ti and can yield concentrations for  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{CaHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$ . Molecules based on more complicated substitutions, including substitution of trivalent cations on the T-site help to reduce the concentrations of negative components but are not as conservative with respect to the production of excess  $\text{TiO}_2$ . For instance, casting Fe as  $\text{FeCe}^{+4}(\text{FeTi})\text{O}_7$  virtually eliminates negative concentrations for the Fe-bearing runs presented here.

The high-field strength cations Mo, W and Nb all tie up Ca and to a lesser extent Ti. Since divalent cations are required to charge balance  $\text{U}^{+6}$  on the A-site, incorporation of these elements should convert  $\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{U}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  to  $\text{CaUTi}_2\text{O}_7$ . This is best illustrated by comparing the component concentrations for Mo- and W-bearing runs (Table 6). Tungsten is more compatible than molybdenum in pyrochlore and  $\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{U}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  is completely consumed in the W-bearing materials.  $\text{CaCeTiHfO}_7$  is also decreased in the W-bearing samples as it is the only Ca-bearing component not specifically tied to a single quadravalent cation other than Ti.  $\text{Ca}_2\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_7$  ties up Ca, but no Ti; addition of niobium

consumes  $\text{CaHfTi}_2\text{O}_7$  and increases the concentration of  $\text{CaCeTiHfO}_7$ . Another possible substitution for niobium could be as a replacement for Ti in  $\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{U}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{U}_{0.5}\text{TiNbO}_7$ , in which  $\text{U}^{+6}$  is reduced to  $\text{U}^{+4}$ . The consumption of  $\text{U}^{+4}$  species is also apparent when we apply these components (Table 4) to the impurity-bearing samples made by ANSTO (Vance *et al.*, 1999) (Table 7) in which Nb/Ta-bearing materials have negative concentrations for  $\text{Ca}_{1.5}\text{U}_{0.5}\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ .

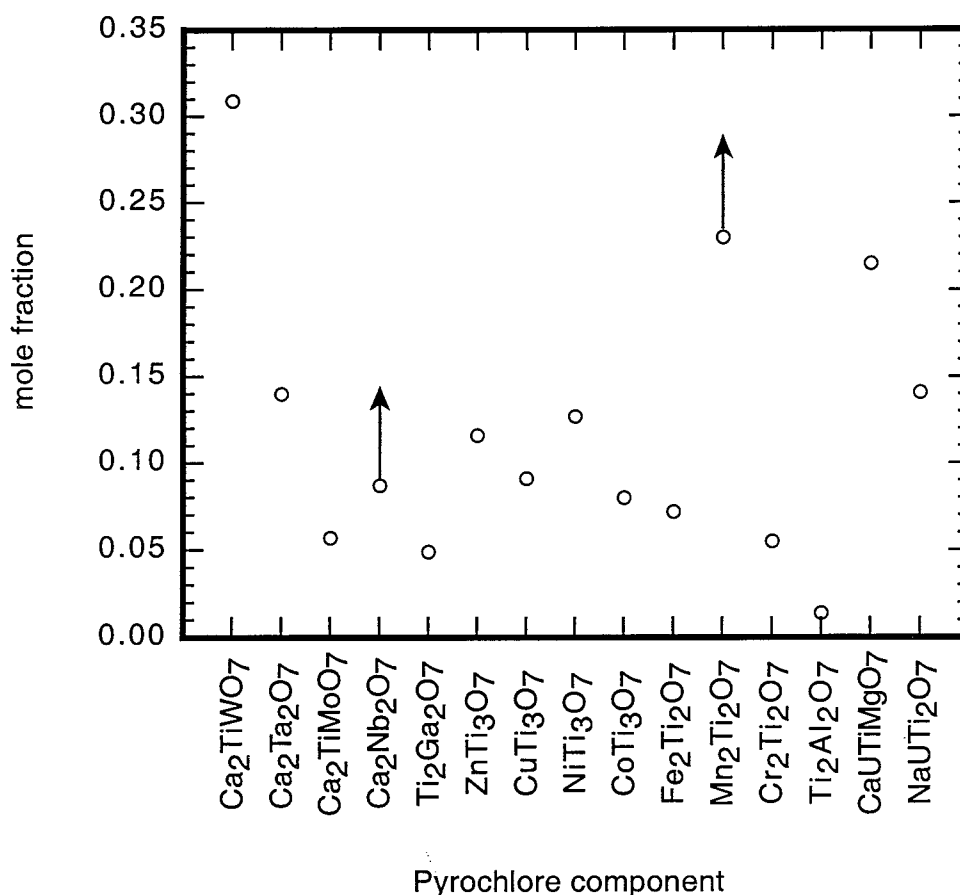


Figure 1. Saturation limits for various pyrochlore components in accessory phase saturated assemblages synthesized at 1350°C in air. The components with “up arrows” are not saturated with an accessory phase, and represent lower bounds.

The components in Table 4 have also been applied to pyrochlores from impurity-bearing Pu-Hf-Ce ceramics synthesized at LLNL (Ebbinghaus *et al.*, 2000) (Table 8). We treat plutonium in a fashion identical to cerium, replacing  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  with  $\text{Pu}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ , etc. The



results of the transformation for these compositions is excellent with few negative concentrations and none on absolute magnitude greater than 0.033. It is also interesting to note that the negative concentrations are observed almost exclusively for  $\text{Pu}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ . This is consistent with Pu being present in a higher oxidation state than Ce at the same redox conditions.

The saturation limits for the components in Table 4 in the nominal baseline pyrochlore,  $\text{Ca}_{1.05}\text{Ce/Pu}_{0.24}\text{Gd}_{0.23}\text{U}_{0.39}\text{Hf}_{0.09}\text{Ti}_{1.89}\text{Al}_{0.01}\text{Hf}_{0.10}\text{O}_7$ , are plotted in Figure 1. In cases where the saturation limits were not exceeded a limiting value established from the highest concentration measured is given (denoted by “up” arrows on figure). The composition of additives for a particular wastestream can then be established as follows:

- 1.) Impurity fraction. Cast each of the impurities in its appropriate component and determine the additives required to convert metals to these components.
- 2.) Baseline fraction. Determine additives to required to convert Pu to the nominal baseline pyrochlore composition.
- 3.) Using the masses of the impurity and baseline fractions, determine the mole fraction of each impurity and compare to limits in Figure 1. If a solubility limit is exceeded, dilute mixture with additional baseline fraction additives to comply with limits.
- 4.) Add rutile component to mixture to obtain desired rutile/pyrochlore ratio.

Table 7. Pyrochlore mole fractions of impurity runs on Ce-Hf-U and Pu-Hf-U formulation with and without added impurities (Vance *et al.*, 1999)

	NaUTi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CaUTiMgO <sub>7</sub>	Ti <sub>2</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ce <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Mn <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CoTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	NiTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CuTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	ZnTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ti <sub>2</sub> Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> TiMoO <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> TiWO <sub>7</sub>	Gd <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ce <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CaHfTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CaCeTiHfO <sub>4</sub>	CaUTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>15</sub> U <sub>10</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
F-1	0.000	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.080	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.125	0.000	-0.020	0.230	0.385	0.130
F-2 Ar bright	0.000	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.030	0.020	0.080	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.135	-0.025	-0.080	0.270	0.420	0.080
F-2 Air	0.000	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.025	0.015	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.110	-0.038	0.095	0.205	0.355	0.150
F-3	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.015	0.065	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.013	-0.085	0.205	0.400	0.200
F-4 Ar	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.015	0.055	0.045	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.015	-0.060	0.180	0.485	0.130
F-4 Air	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.015	0.055	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.105	-0.007	-0.175	0.275	0.365	0.330
F-4 3.7% H <sub>2</sub>	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.040	0.085	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.028	0.195	0.065	0.895	-0.430
F-5 Ar	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.125	0.025	0.080	0.200	0.365	0.190
F-5 Air	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.015	0.030	0.210	0.295	0.310
F-5 3.7% H <sub>2</sub>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.062	0.295	0.045	0.650	-0.200
F-6 Ar	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.000	0.140	0.000	0.125	0.108	0.105	0.025	0.465	-0.090
F-6 Air	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.105	0.000	0.135	0.000	0.115	0.085	0.100	0.060	0.430	-0.020
F-6 3.7% H <sub>2</sub>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.000	0.105	0.000	0.095	0.148	0.265	-0.085	0.560	-0.180
F-7 Ar	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.000	0.140	0.125	0.105	0.220	0.020	0.410	-0.080
F-7 Air	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.000	0.150	0.105	0.063	0.175	0.075	0.400	0.000
F-7 3.7% H <sub>2</sub>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.040	0.105	0.149	0.329	-0.109	0.562	-0.104
F-8 Ar*	0.000	0.110	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.035	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.125	0.020	0.050	0.190	0.265	0.130
F-8 Air*	0.000	0.090	0.000	0.000	0.035	0.025	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.125	0.030	-0.020	0.190	0.215	0.290
F-9 Ar*	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.025	0.065	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.105	0.055	0.000	0.130	0.335	0.250
F-9 Air*	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.025	0.055	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.105	0.028	-0.065	0.195	0.340	0.280
F-10 Ar**	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.115	-0.005	0.220	0.230	0.395	0.050
F-10 Air**	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.120	-0.023	0.205	0.255	0.345	0.110
F-11 Ar*	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.120	0.000	0.130	0.000	0.120	0.103	0.135	-0.005	0.400	-0.020
F-11 Air*	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.125	0.000	0.135	0.000	0.115	0.095	0.130	0.000	0.415	-0.030
F-12 Ar*	0.000	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.000	0.160	0.130	0.090	0.180	0.020	0.345	-0.030
F-12 Air*	0.000	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.000	0.150	0.120	0.080	0.160	0.050	0.275	0.090
F-14 1250	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.080	0.150	0.040	0.315	0.290
F-14 1300	0.000	0.000	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.063	0.175	0.045	0.460	0.120
F-14 1350	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.120	0.055	0.170	0.070	0.430	0.160
F-15+Al	0.000	0.000	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.130	0.050	0.030	0.110	0.390	0.280
F-15+B	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.140	0.023	0.095	0.115	0.415	0.210
F-15+Na&K	0.170	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.125	-0.038	0.025	0.245	0.300	0.180

Table 8. Pyrochlore mole fractions of impurity runs on Ce-Hf-U and Pu-Hf-U formulation with and without added impurities (Ebbinghaus *et al.*, 1999)

	NaUTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CaUTiMgO <sub>7</sub>	Ti <sub>3</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Mn <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CoTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	NiTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CuTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	ZnTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ti <sub>2</sub> Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> TiMoO <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> TiWO <sub>7</sub>	Gd <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ce <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CaHfTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CaCeTiHfO <sub>7</sub>	CaUTi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ca <sub>15</sub> U <sub>48</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
ME3688 Air*	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.091	-0.033	0.007	0.261	0.229	0.444
ME3688 Ar*	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.089	-0.002	0.023	0.223	0.159	0.506
ME3688 CO <sub>2</sub> *	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.086	-0.010	-0.008	0.247	0.145	0.540
ME3692 Air*	0.000	0.146	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.121	0.005	0.130	0.132	0.271	0.195
ME3692 Ar*	0.000	0.132	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.123	0.005	0.129	0.148	0.246	0.217
ME3692 CO <sub>2</sub> *	0.000	0.135	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.119	0.040	0.115	0.136	0.175	0.278
ME3707 Air*	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.234	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.085	0.079	0.169	0.031	0.252	0.149
ME3707 Ar*	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.242	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.085	0.085	0.180	0.027	0.292	0.089
ME3707 CO <sub>2</sub> *	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.245	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.085	0.078	0.180	0.030	0.297	0.085
ME3717 Air*	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.119	0.077	0.075	0.095	0.203	0.367
ME3717 Ar*	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.105	0.095	0.119	0.047	0.201	0.378
ME3717 CO <sub>2</sub> *	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.110	0.135	0.030	0.191	0.372

## 6. Conclusions

The elements added to the baseline formulation can be divided into two somewhat arbitrary groups – those for which the solubility limits in the baseline phase assemblage are sufficiently low such that expected impurity levels stabilize an accessory mineral, and a second group for which the solubility limits are high enough to allow the element to be accommodated as a solid solution component within the four primary phases. The first group includes  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{CaAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{NiO}$ ,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{MoO}_3$ ,  $\text{WO}_3$  which all result in the formation of a crystalline accessory phase at synthesis conditions between 1300-1400°C. In addition, these components can also have significant solubility in one of the baseline phases; divalent and trivalent cations typically stabilizing hafnolite, while penta- and higher valence cations stabilize pyrochlore.  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  may be the most troublesome impurity as it leads to melting at 1350°C at the 10 wt% level.  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{NaAlSiO}_4$  and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  result in the formation of a grain boundary melt at synthesis conditions, and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  also stabilizes a crystalline, Ca-lanthanide phosphate.  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{MnO}_2$  and  $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$  additions do not result in the formation of new phases.  $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$  is highly soluble in pyrochlore and no solubility limit was observed for the compositions investigated here.  $\text{CaO}$  reacts with brannerite to form perovskite.  $\text{MnO}$  is enriched in pyrochlore, displacing  $\text{CaO}$  which again reacts with brannerite to form perovskite.

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## Appendix A. Starting Materials

**Table 2. Starting materials**

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$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$
$\text{CaO}$	$\text{CaCO}_3$ , $\text{CaF}_2$
$\text{TiO}_2$	$\text{TiO}_2$ (rutile)
$\text{HfO}_2$	$\text{HfO}_2$
$\text{CeO}_2$	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_6$ , $\text{CeO}_2$
$\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{Gd}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$
$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$
$\text{MnO}_2$	$\text{MnO}_2$
$\text{MgO}$	$\text{MgO}$
$\text{SiO}_2$	$\text{SiO}_2$
$\text{Na}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$
$\text{NiO}$	$\text{NiO}$
$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$
$\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$
$\text{CuO}$	$\text{CuO}$
$\text{ZnO}$	$\text{ZnO}$
$\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$	$\text{NH}_4\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4$
$\text{UO}_2$	$\text{UO}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{UO}_2$

## **Appendix B. Probe standards**

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MgO	Natural Olivine
Na <sub>2</sub> O	Natural Albite
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Corundum
SiO <sub>2</sub>	Natural Diopside
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Natural Apatite
CaO	Natural Wollastonite
TiO <sub>2</sub>	Rutile
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Natural Chromite
MnO	Natural Spessartine Garnet
NiO	Synthetic Ni-olivine
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Gadolinium Gallium Garnet
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Nb metal
MoO <sub>3</sub>	CaMoO <sub>4</sub>
HfO <sub>2</sub>	Hf metal
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CeO <sub>2</sub>
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Gadolinium Gallium Garne
WO <sub>3</sub>	W metal
UO <sub>2</sub>	Synthetic UO <sub>2</sub>

Table C1. Microprobe analyses (wt%) and structural formulae for the Ce-analog with no additives

Run:	1-1 Pyrochlore	1300 C	1-1 Brannerite	1300 C	1-1 Rutile	1300 C	1-2 Pyrochlore	1400 C	1-2 Brannerite	1400 C	1-2 Rutile	1400 C	1-3 Pyrochlore	1350 C 9	1-3 Rutile	1350 C 3
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.08	0.01	0.41	0.03	0.55	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.61	0.03	0.16	0.01	0.69	0.03
CaO	13.25	0.18	2.19	1.22	0.14	0.04	12.62	0.14	1.34	0.04	0.07	0.03	12.53	1.17	0.01	0.01
TiO <sub>2</sub>	32.86	0.22	40.62	1.05	78.12	0.99	32.58	0.40	39.73	0.13	75.93	0.30	33.86	1.27	78.30	0.95
CeO <sub>2</sub>	8.53	0.24	10.19	0.38	0.10	0.02	8.75	0.12	9.66	0.02	0.08	0.02	8.87	0.60	0.04	0.02
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.95	0.14	7.57	0.21	0.09	0.04	9.17	0.35	6.75	0.30	0.09	0.06	9.30	0.95	0.00	0.00
HfO <sub>2</sub>	8.98	0.32	6.43	0.53	18.34	0.60	10.47	0.20	6.41	0.09	19.41	0.29	10.23	0.47	18.50	0.85
UO <sub>2</sub>	22.97	0.59	28.80	0.56	2.21	0.10	22.82	0.31	30.64	0.02	2.68	0.05	20.95	1.91	2.39	0.20
Total	95.62 -		96.20 -		99.54	0.87	96.41 -		94.51 -		98.89 -		95.89 -		99.93 -	
Al	0.008	0.001	0.030	0.002	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.015	0.002	0.012	0.001
Ca	1.076	0.012	0.146	0.080	0.002	0.001	1.034	0.008	0.094	0.003	0.001	0.000	1.012	0.041	0.000	0.000
Ti	1.873	0.015	1.915	0.069	0.899	0.003	1.873	0.015	1.960	0.010	0.891	0.002	1.925	0.059	0.898	0.006
Ce	0.237	0.006	0.234	0.010	0.001	0.000	0.245	0.004	0.232	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.245	0.006	0.000	0.000
Gd	0.225	0.003	0.157	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.232	0.008	0.147	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.232	0.012	0.000	0.000
Hf	0.194	0.007	0.115	0.008	0.080	0.003	0.228	0.004	0.120	0.002	0.086	0.001	0.221	0.005	0.081	0.004
U	0.387	0.009	0.402	0.011	0.008	0.000	0.388	0.005	0.447	0.001	0.009	0.000	0.351	0.018	0.008	0.001
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	1.000	0.000	4.000 -		3.000 -		1.000 -		4.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
Oxygen	6.690 -		5.643 -		1.992 -		6.728 -		5.717 -		1.993 -		6.743	0.046	1.994	0.000
Ca																
Gd																
Sum																
Charge																
Ca	1.076		0.146		0.002		1.034		0.094		0.001		1.012		0.000	
Ce(+3)	0.158		0.156		0.000		0.163		0.155		0.000		0.163		0.000	
Ce(+4)	0.079		0.078		0.000		0.082		0.077		0.000		0.082		0.000	
Gd	0.225		0.157		0.000		0.232		0.147		0.000		0.232		0.000	
Hf	0.075		0.061		0.000		0.101		0.080		0.000		0.160		0.000	
U	0.387		0.402		0.008		0.388		0.447		0.009		0.351		0.008	
Sum	2.000		1.000		0.011		2.000		1.000		0.011		2.000		0.008	
Charge	6.008		4.031		0.053		5.999		4.002		0.061		6.014		0.050	
Ti	1.873		1.915		0.899		1.873		1.960		0.891		1.925		0.898	
Hf	0.119		0.054		0.080		0.127		0.040		0.086		0.061		0.081	
Al	0.008		0.030		0.010		0.000		0.000		0.011		0.015		0.012	
Sum	2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000	
Charge	7.992		7.970		3.947		8.000		8.000		3.943		7.985		3.954	
UOx	2.7		2.793		3		2.595		2.55		2.8		2.615		2.8	
Model Oxygens	7.000		6.000		2.000		7.000		6.001		2.000		7.000		2.000	



Table C2. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog made from oxides with no additives

	5-1		1300		5-1		1300		5-2		1400		5-2		1400		5-2		1400	
	Pyrochlore		Brannerite		Rutile		Pyrochlore		Brannerite		Rutile		Pyrochlore		Brannerite		Rutile		Pyrochlore	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.05	0.01	0.28	0.06	0.43	0.02	0.06	0.01	0.28	0.01	0.43	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.28	0.01	0.43	0.03	0.05	0.01
CaO	12.89	0.51	1.42	0.12	0.05	0.02	12.90	0.09	1.34	0.07	0.08	0.05	12.89	0.51	1.42	0.12	0.05	0.02	12.90	0.09
TiO <sub>2</sub>	33.08	1.32	40.28	0.44	77.02	0.39	33.71	0.21	41.49	0.45	78.20	0.36	33.08	1.32	40.28	0.44	77.02	0.39	33.71	0.21
CeO <sub>2</sub>	8.42	0.36	9.83	0.65	0.10	0.02	8.34	0.19	9.34	0.52	0.09	0.04	8.42	0.36	9.83	0.65	0.10	0.02	8.34	0.19
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.20	0.42	7.34	0.61	0.01	0.01	9.29	0.20	7.21	0.34	0.10	0.06	9.20	0.42	7.34	0.61	0.01	0.01	9.29	0.20
HfO <sub>2</sub>	8.34	0.22	6.40	0.26	19.58	0.24	10.58	0.18	6.39	0.54	19.83	0.29	8.34	0.22	6.40	0.26	19.58	0.24	10.58	0.18
UO <sub>2</sub>	24.47	1.05	30.68	0.32	2.02	0.14	23.27	0.20	31.31	0.43	2.12	0.11	24.47	1.05	30.68	0.32	2.02	0.14	23.27	0.20
Total	96.44	-	96.23	-	99.21	-	98.16	-	97.37	-	100.85	-	96.44	-	96.23	-	99.21	-	98.16	-
Al	0.004	0.001	0.021	0.004	0.008	0.000	0.006	0.001	0.021	0.001	0.008	0.001	0.004	0.001	0.021	0.004	0.008	0.000	0.006	0.001
Ca	1.052	0.036	0.097	0.007	0.001	0.000	1.032	0.007	0.091	0.005	0.001	0.001	1.052	0.036	0.097	0.007	0.001	0.000	1.032	0.007
Ti	1.879	0.064	1.941	0.006	0.897	0.002	1.892	0.007	1.968	0.008	0.896	0.002	1.879	0.064	1.941	0.006	0.897	0.002	1.892	0.007
Ce	0.235	0.008	0.231	0.014	0.001	0.000	0.228	0.005	0.216	0.012	0.001	0.000	0.235	0.008	0.231	0.014	0.001	0.000	0.228	0.005
Gd	0.233	0.009	0.156	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.230	0.005	0.151	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.233	0.009	0.156	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.230	0.005
Hf	0.186	0.010	0.117	0.005	0.087	0.001	0.226	0.004	0.115	0.010	0.086	0.001	0.186	0.010	0.117	0.005	0.087	0.001	0.226	0.004
U	0.412	0.016	0.437	0.007	0.007	0.000	0.386	0.004	0.439	0.003	0.007	0.000	0.412	0.016	0.437	0.007	0.007	0.000	0.386	0.004
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	1.000	0.000	4.000	-	3.000	-	1.000	-	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	1.000	0.000	4.000	-
Oxygen	6.712	-	5.699	-	1.995	-	6.736	-	5.716	-	1.994	-	6.712	-	5.699	-	1.995	-	6.736	-
Ca	1.000						1.000						1.000						1.000	
Gd	0.000						0.000						0.000						0.000	
Sum	1.000						1.000						1.000						1.000	
Charge	2.000						2.000						2.000						2.000	
Ca	0.052		0.146		0.001		0.032		0.146		0.001		0.052		0.146		0.001		0.032	
Ce(+3)	0.235		0.231		0.001		0.228		0.216		0.001		0.235		0.231		0.001		0.228	
Gd	0.233		0.157		0.000		0.230		0.157		0.000		0.233		0.157		0.000		0.230	
Hf	0.106		0.079		0.007		0.106		0.103		0.006		0.106		0.079		0.007		0.106	
U(+4)	0.199		0.187		0.001		0.087		0.220		0.001		0.199		0.187		0.001		0.087	
U(+6)	0.213		0.250		0.006		0.299		0.219		0.006		0.213		0.250		0.006		0.299	
Sum	1.037		1.042		1.042		0.982		1.042		1.042		1.037		1.042		1.042		0.982	
Charge	4.004		4.005		4.005		4.005		4.005		4.005		4.004		4.005		4.005		4.005	
Ti	1.879		1.941		0.897		1.892		1.968		0.896		1.879		1.941		0.897		1.892	
Hf	0.117		0.038		0.080		0.102		0.012		0.080		0.117		0.038		0.080		0.102	
Al	0.004		0.021		0.008		0.006		0.021		0.008		0.004		0.021		0.008		0.006	
Sum	2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000	
Charge	7.996		7.970		3.947		7.994		7.970		3.947		7.996		7.970		3.947		7.994	
Model Oxygen	7.000		6.000		2.001		7.000		6.000		2.000		7.000		6.000		2.000		7.000	

Table 8. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog made from oxides with no additives

	5-3	1350	5-3	1350	5-3	1350
	Pyrochlore		Brannerite		Rutile	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.14	0.01	0.47	0.02	0.55	0.03
CaO	12.93	0.10	1.47	0.14	0.02	0.01
TiO <sub>2</sub>	32.94	0.37	41.50	0.34	77.23	0.22
CeO <sub>2</sub>	8.26	0.17	9.10	0.82	0.01	0.01
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.24	0.20	7.30	0.15	0.00	0.00
HfO <sub>2</sub>	10.36	0.19	6.72	0.06	19.88	0.15
UO <sub>2</sub>	23.36	0.51	31.33	0.35	2.08	0.19
Total	97.23 -		97.89 -		99.75 -	
Al	0.012	0.001	0.035	0.001	0.010	0.000
Ca	1.045	0.004	0.099	0.006	0.000	0.000
Ti	1.868	0.014	1.950	0.008	0.892	0.005
Ce	0.228	0.005	0.207	0.014	0.000	0.000
Gd	0.231	0.006	0.153	0.004	0.000	0.000
Hf	0.223	0.004	0.119	0.001	0.090	0.005
U	0.392	0.009	0.437	0.003	0.007	0.000
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
Oxygen	6.719 -		5.704 -		1.995 -	
Ca	1.000					
Gd	0.000					
Sum	1.000					
Charge	2.000					
Ca	0.045		0.146		0.000	
Ce(+3)	0.228		0.207		0.000	
Gd	0.231		0.157		0.000	
Hf	0.106		0.105		0.010	
U(+4)	0.116		0.195		0.001	
U(+6)	0.276		0.242		0.006	
Sum	1.002		1.042		1.042	
Charge	4.012		4.005		4.005	
Ti	1.868		1.950		0.892	
Hf	0.120		0.015		0.080	
Al	0.012		0.035		0.010	
Sum	2.000		2.000		2.000	
Charge	7.988		7.970		3.947	
Model Oxygen	7.000		6.000		2.001	

Table C3. Microprobe analyses (wt%) of the Ce-analog with 10% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> added

	7-1		1300		7-1		1300		7-1		1300		7-1		1300		7-2		1400		7-2		1400		7-2		1400	
	Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Brannerite		Corundum		Rutile		Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Rutile		Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Rutile		Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Rutile	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.30	0.15	3.81	0.45	1.13	0.02	100.50	0.27	2.14	1.40	0.34	0.02	3.82	0.58	0.98	0.15												
CaO	13.59	0.09	10.01	0.45	1.29	0.02	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.06	13.08	0.09	9.62	0.51	0.56	0.57												
TiO <sub>2</sub>	34.27	0.42	32.75	0.13	39.87	0.29	0.55	0.42	83.12	0.57	32.84	0.16	31.61	0.54	84.34	0.83												
CeO <sub>2</sub>	9.84	0.39	3.95	0.79	10.69	0.11	0.10	0.13	0.18	0.01	8.15	0.16	3.68	0.65	0.50	0.35												
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.94	0.13	7.58	0.28	6.79	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.10	0.01	10.70	0.27	9.36	0.23	0.24	0.18												
HfO <sub>2</sub>	6.22	0.82	31.46	2.91	4.30	0.11	0.18	0.04	11.03	0.28	8.81	0.24	31.62	2.49	9.91	0.04												
UO <sub>2</sub>	23.98	1.27	9.08	2.30	32.38	0.26	0.30	0.34	3.38	0.16	23.85	0.25	9.72	1.79	4.34	0.91												
Total	97.14	-	98.64	-	96.44	-	101.93	0.96	100.13	1.03	97.76	0.51	99.43	0.70	100.87	1.36												
Al	0.026	0.013	0.328	0.039	0.085	0.001	1.987	0.011	0.036	0.023	0.030	0.002	0.336	0.056	0.017	0.002												
Ca	1.072	0.012	0.783	0.035	0.088	0.002	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.001	1.049	0.006	0.754	0.039	0.009	0.009												
Ti	1.896	0.013	1.797	0.009	1.902	0.006	0.007	0.005	0.903	0.024	1.847	0.005	1.753	0.026	0.916	0.016												
Ce	0.265	0.009	0.106	0.021	0.248	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.224	0.004	0.097	0.018	0.003	0.002												
Gd	0.218	0.003	0.183	0.006	0.143	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.265	0.006	0.229	0.007	0.001	0.001												
Hf	0.131	0.016	0.655	0.061	0.078	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.045	0.000	0.189	0.006	0.679	0.049	0.041	0.000												
U	0.393	0.024	0.148	0.037	0.457	0.005	0.001	0.001	0.011	0.001	0.396	0.004	0.153	0.028	0.014	0.003												
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	2.000	0.000	1.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	1.000	0.000												
Oxygen	6.674	-	6.909	-	5.675	-	3.003	-	1.978	-	6.692	0.006	6.916	0.018	1.981	0.011												
Ca	1.000		0.783								1.000		0.754															
Gd	0.000		0.183								0.000		0.229															
Sum	1.000		0.966								1.000		0.982															
Charge	2.000		2.116								2.000		2.194															
Ca	0.072		0.000		0.146						0.049		0.000															
Ce(+3)	0.265		0.106		0.248						0.224		0.097															
Gd	0.218		0.000		0.157						0.265		0.000															
Hf	0.106		0.655		0.065						0.106		0.679															
U(+4)	0.174		0.057		0.212						0.168		0.069															
U(+6)	0.219		0.091		0.245						0.228		0.084															
Sum	1.053		0.908		1.073						1.040		0.929															
Charge	4.026		3.710		4.085						4.029		3.786															
Ti	1.896		1.797		1.902		0.007		0.903		1.847		1.753		0.916													
Hf	0.078		0.000		0.013		0.001		0.045		0.123		0.000		0.080													
Al	0.026		0.328		0.085		1.987		0.036		0.030		0.336		0.017													
Sum	2.000		2.125		2.000		1.995		2.000		2.000		2.089		2.000													
Charge	7.974		8.174		7.915		5.991		3.904		7.970		8.020		4.034													
Model Oxygen	7.000		7.000		6.000		2.996		1.952		7.000		7.000		2.017													

Table C3. Microprobe analyses (wt%) of the Ce-analog with 10% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> added

	7-2	1400	7-3	1350	7-3	1350	7-3	1350	7-3	1350
	Brannerite?		Pyrochlore	4	Brannerite	3	Hafnolite	3	Pseudobrookite	2
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.01	1.44	0.05	4.35	0.18	56.74	1.75
CaO	3.22	0.93	13.41	0.11	1.25	0.05	10.13	0.54	0.02	0.02
TiO <sub>2</sub>	20.55	2.28	34.77	0.35	40.27	0.09	33.43	0.11	42.09	2.11
CeO <sub>2</sub>	19.50	1.65	9.89	0.35	10.28	0.18	4.25	0.56	0.00	0.00
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.23	0.74	8.72	0.22	6.30	0.24	7.40	0.40	0.00	0.00
HfO <sub>2</sub>	5.60	0.53	7.10	0.07	5.08	0.13	30.43	2.36	0.00	0.00
UO <sub>2</sub>	43.21	1.99	23.62	0.72	32.68	0.26	9.55	1.41	0.00	0.00
Total	95.29	3.56	97.83 -		97.30 -		99.52 -		98.85	0.33
Al	0.000	0.000	0.028	0.001	0.107	0.004	0.368	0.013	2.036	0.053
Ca	0.269	0.072	1.051	0.005	0.084	0.003	0.775	0.025	0.001	0.001
Ti	1.211	0.157	1.912	0.013	1.897	0.002	1.799	0.006	0.964	0.053
Ce	0.559	0.037	0.265	0.008	0.236	0.003	0.112	0.010	0.000	0.000
Gd	0.084	0.018	0.211	0.004	0.131	0.005	0.175	0.006	0.000	0.000
Hf	0.125	0.009	0.148	0.002	0.091	0.002	0.616	0.039	0.000	0.000
U	0.753	0.020	0.384	0.013	0.456	0.004	0.155	0.016	0.000	0.000
Catatoms	3.000 -		4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000
Oxygen	5.410 -		6.697 -		5.680 -		6.897 -		4.982 -	
Ca			1.000				0.775			
Gd			0.000				0.175			
Sum			1.000				0.950			
Charge			2.000				2.075			
Ca	0.269		0.051		0.084		0.000			
Ce(+3)	0.559		0.265		0.236		0.112			
Gd	0.084		0.211		0.131		0.000			
Hf	0.000		0.106		0.091		0.616			
U(+4)	0.163		0.116		0.136		0.052			
U(+6)	0.590		0.268		0.320		0.103			
Sum	3.792		2.914		2.658		3.111			
Charge	4.005		4.027		4.005		3.625			
Ti	1.211		1.912		1.897		1.799		0.964	
Hf	0.125		0.060		0.000		0.000		0.000	
Al	0.000		0.028		0.107		0.368		2.036	
Sum	1.336		2.000		2.004		2.167		2.999	
Charge	5.345		7.972		7.908		8.301		9.962	
Model Oxygen	6.000		7.000		6.000		7.000		4.981	

Table C4. Microprobe analyses (wt%) and structural formulae for the Ce-analog with 10 wt% Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> added

	4-1		1300		4-1		1300		4-1		1300	
	Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Brannerite		Ilmenite					
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev				
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.05	0.00	0.37	0.01	0.16	0.01	1.97	0.04				
CaO	13.87	0.12	8.40	0.14	1.56	0.34	0.14	0.04				
TiO <sub>2</sub>	33.92	0.26	36.66	0.33	38.18	0.25	39.04	0.51				
FeO	2.35	0.10	10.98	0.13	3.07	0.09	51.81	0.29				
CeO <sub>2</sub>	9.44	0.34	6.57	0.18	10.30	0.23	0.09	0.04				
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.18	0.10	7.39	0.40	4.74	0.14	0.06	0.03				
HfO <sub>2</sub>	3.51	0.08	16.41	0.53	2.33	0.11	1.43	0.08				
UO <sub>2</sub>	27.61	0.44	10.82	0.39	34.38	0.33	0.12	0.05				
Total	96.92	-	97.58	-	94.72	-	94.66	0.48				
Al	0.004	0.000	0.030	0.001	0.012	0.000	0.061	0.001				
Ca	1.080	0.004	0.619	0.009	0.107	0.023	0.004	0.001				
Ti	1.854	0.012	1.897	0.014	1.841	0.014	0.776	0.007				
Fe	0.143	0.006	0.632	0.005	0.165	0.005	1.146	0.006				
Ce	0.251	0.009	0.165	0.005	0.242	0.005	0.001	0.000				
Gd	0.149	0.002	0.169	0.009	0.101	0.003	0.001	0.000				
Hf	0.073	0.001	0.322	0.012	0.043	0.002	0.011	0.001				
U	0.446	0.007	0.166	0.006	0.491	0.005	0.001	0.000				
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	2.000	0.000				
Oxygen	6.432	-	5.935	-	5.386	-	1.673	-				
Ca	1.000		0.619									
Ce	0.000		0.165									
Fe	0.000		0.000									
Gd	0.000		0.169									
Hf	0.000		0.000									
U	0.000		0.047									
Sum	1.000		1.000									
Charge	2.000		2.427									
Al	0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000					
Ca	0.000		0.000		0.107		0.000					
Fe(+2)	0.074		0.558		0.000		0.961					
Ce(+3)	0.251		0.000		0.242		0.000					
Gd	0.149		0.000		0.101		0.000					
Hf	0.000		0.322		0.000		0.000					
U(+4)	0.000		0.000		0.013		0.000					
U(+6)	0.446		0.119		0.478		0.000					
Sum	0.920		1.000		0.000		0.000					
Charge	3.998		3.680		0.000		0.000					
Ti	1.854		1.897		1.841		0.776					
Hf	0.073		0.000		0.000		0.011					
Al	0.004		0.030		0.012		0.061					
Fe(+3)	0.069		0.073		0.147		0.185					
Sum	2.000		2.000		2.000		0.848					
Charge	7.927		7.897		7.841		3.768					
Model Oxygen	6.976		6.723		6.000		1.994					

Table C5. Microprobe compositions (wt%) and structural formulae for a Ce-analog with 10 wt% MgO added

	6-1	1300	6-1	1300	6-1	1300	6-1	1300	6-2	1400	6-2	1400	6-2	1400
	Pyrochlore		Perovskite		Hafnolite		MgTiO <sub>3</sub>		Pyrochlore		Mg <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>4</sub>		MgTiO <sub>3</sub>	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
MgO	1.29	0.06	1.76	0.07	3.91	0.09	33.88	0.17	1.89	0.02	47.50	0.22	32.04	0.22
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.02	0.01	0.24	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.02	0.00	0.00
CaO	12.51	0.07	30.98	0.35	6.79	0.15	0.30	0.05	11.86	0.07	0.02	0.04	0.11	0.04
TiO <sub>2</sub>	25.06	0.78	49.40	0.38	19.97	0.38	64.79	0.38	27.24	0.19	48.36	0.21	64.29	0.33
CeO <sub>2</sub>	9.35	0.40	6.11	0.62	5.69	0.25	0.10	0.05	8.98	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.25	0.65	10.00	1.20	8.73	0.75	0.14	0.03	9.23	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HfO <sub>2</sub>	12.73	1.85	1.51	0.15	30.17	2.42	4.06	0.11	12.18	0.24	0.97	0.06	2.88	0.07
UO <sub>2</sub>	26.55	0.33	0.28	0.08	22.71	1.72	0.09	0.05	26.36	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	96.74	-	100.28	0.31	98.03	-	103.50	-	97.74	0.35	97.66	0.32	99.32	0.45
Mg	0.153	0.007	0.066	0.003	0.498	0.008	1.000	0.001	0.218	0.002	1.959	0.003	0.984	0.003
Al	0.001	0.000	0.007	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.027	0.001	0.000	0.000
Ca	1.068	0.009	0.837	0.006	0.621	0.010	0.006	0.001	0.983	0.004	0.000	0.001	0.003	0.001
Ti	1.501	0.036	0.937	0.004	1.283	0.014	0.965	0.003	1.585	0.010	1.006	0.003	0.996	0.003
Ce	0.273	0.010	0.056	0.006	0.178	0.009	0.001	0.000	0.254	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Gd	0.244	0.016	0.084	0.010	0.247	0.019	0.001	0.000	0.237	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hf	0.290	0.044	0.011	0.001	0.736	0.065	0.023	0.001	0.269	0.005	0.008	0.000	0.017	0.000
U	0.471	0.008	0.002	0.000	0.432	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.454	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	2.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	2.000	0.000	4.000	-	3.000	-	2.000	-
Oxygen	6.520	-	3.023	-	6.666	-	2.991	-	6.553	-	4.027	-	3.013	-
Ca	1.000				0.621				0.983					
Gd	0.000				0.247				0.017					
Ce(+3)	0.000				0.132				0.000					
U(+4)	0.000				0.000				0.000					
Sum	1.000				1.000				1.000					
Charge	2.000				2.379				2.017					
Mg	0.000		0.066		0.000		1.000		0.000					
Ca	0.068		0.837		0.000				0.000					
Ce(+3)	0.273		0.056		0.046				0.254					
Gd	0.244		0.084		0.000				0.237					
Hf	0.000		0.000		0.522				0.000					
U(+4)	0.000		0.002		0.098				0.031					
U(+6)	0.471		0.000		0.334				0.423					
Sum	1.055		1.045		1.000		1.000		0.945					
Charge	4.509		2.231		4.622		2.000		4.133					
Ti	1.501		0.937		1.283		0.965		1.585					
Hf	0.290		0.011		0.214		0.023		0.269					
Mg	0.153		0.000		0.498				0.218					
Al	0.001		0.007		0.005		0.003		0.000					
Sum	1.945		0.955		2.000		0.991		2.072					
Charge	7.472		3.813		6.999		3.962		7.851					
Model Oxygen	6.990		3.022		7.000				7.000					

Table C5. Microprobe compositions (wt%) and structural formulae for a Ce-analog with 10 wt% MgO added

	6-3		1350		6-3		1350		6-3		1350		6-3		1350	
	Pvrochlore		Perovskite		Mg <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>4</sub>		MgTiO <sub>3</sub>									
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev								
MgO	1.85	0.11	1.73	0.04	49.68	0.14	33.59	0.27								
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.03	0.01	0.18	0.05	1.44	0.03	0.06	0.00								
CaO	12.04	0.12	30.45	0.25	0.06	0.08	0.15	0.02								
TiO <sub>2</sub>	25.75	0.52	49.97	0.15	47.58	0.32	64.25	0.51								
CeO <sub>2</sub>	9.07	0.31	7.36	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.08	0.20	8.29	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								
HfO <sub>2</sub>	13.56	1.14	0.88	0.17	1.29	0.09	3.06	0.13								
UO <sub>2</sub>	26.47	0.51	0.18	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00								
Total	97.84	-	99.04	-	100.06	-	101.13	-								
Mg	0.215	0.011	0.066	0.001	1.984	0.007	1.006	0.007								
Al	0.003	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.045	0.001	0.001	0.000								
Ca	1.009	0.011	0.830	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.000								
Ti	1.514	0.025	0.954	0.005	0.959	0.006	0.971	0.007								
Ce	0.260	0.007	0.069	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000								
Gd	0.235	0.005	0.069	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000								
Hf	0.303	0.027	0.007	0.001	0.010	0.001	0.018	0.001								
U	0.461	0.010	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000								
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	2.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	2.000	0.000								
Oxygen	6.527	-	3.033	-	3.991	-	2.990	-								
Ca	1.000															
Gd	0.000															
Ce(+3)	0.000															
U(+4)	0.000															
Sum	1.000															
Charge	2.000															
Mg	0.000		0.066		1.984		1.006									
Ca	0.009		0.830													
Ce(+3)	0.260		0.069													
Gd	0.235		0.069													
Hf	0.000		0.000													
U(+4)	0.000		0.001													
U(+6)	0.461		0.000													
Sum	0.964		1.034		1.984		1.006									
Charge	4.266		2.206		3.968		2.013									
Ti	1.514		0.954		0.959		0.971									
Hf	0.303		0.007		0.010		0.018									
Mg	0.215		0.000													
Al	0.003		0.005		0.045		0.001									
Sum	2.035		0.966		1.014		0.990									
Charge	7.707		3.859		4.011		3.960									
Model Oxygen	6.987		3.032													

Table C6. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10 wt% NiO

	17-1	1350	17-1	1350	17-1	1350	13-2	1300	13-2	1300	13-2	1300
	Pyrochlore wt%	std dev	Ni-titanate wt%	std dev	Hafnolite wt%	std dev	Pyrochlore wt%	std dev	Hafnolite wt%	std dev	Ni-Titanate wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.05	0.01	0.88	0.03	0.24	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.02	0.89	0.88
CaO	12.50	0.14	0.00	0.00	6.76	0.17	12.82	0.14	6.70	0.07	0.00	0.00
TiO <sub>2</sub>	31.74	0.27	49.16	0.42	28.60	0.84	32.88	0.84	27.82	0.74	49.48	49.84
NiO	2.11	0.08	44.79	0.48	6.22	0.22	1.85	0.08	6.51	0.21	44.95	45.56
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.89	0.25	0.08	0.03	5.72	0.18	9.43	0.60	5.73	0.08	0.12	0.14
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.20	0.28	0.07	0.06	9.06	0.13	9.13	0.60	8.99	0.19	0.01	0.00
HfO <sub>2</sub>	10.15	0.21	4.47	0.13	29.70	0.55	8.61	0.19	28.46	1.27	3.96	3.65
UO <sub>2</sub>	23.12	0.51	0.20	0.04	12.27	1.47	22.33	1.73	14.09	1.43	0.24	0.23
Total	97.74	0.78	99.66	0.70	98.57	0.59	97.04	-	98.62	-	99.65	100.30
Al	0.004	0.001	0.028	0.001	0.023	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.031	0.002	0.027	0.001
Ca	1.004	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.575	0.011	1.020	0.017	0.574	0.005	0.004	0.010
Ti	1.789	0.015	0.981	0.005	1.709	0.035	1.836	0.029	1.672	0.028	0.984	0.004
Ni	0.127	0.004	0.955	0.005	0.397	0.018	0.111	0.005	0.418	0.017	0.951	0.024
Ce	0.244	0.007	0.001	0.000	0.167	0.007	0.256	0.014	0.168	0.004	0.001	0.001
Gd	0.228	0.006	0.001	0.001	0.239	0.003	0.225	0.012	0.238	0.006	0.001	0.002
Hf	0.217	0.004	0.034	0.001	0.674	0.007	0.182	0.005	0.649	0.023	0.029	0.003
U	0.386	0.008	0.001	0.000	0.217	0.028	0.369	0.032	0.251	0.028	0.003	0.006
Catatoms	4.000 -		2.000 -		4.000 -		4.000 -		4.000 -		2.000 -	
Oxygens	6.631 -		3.030 -		6.814 -		6.629 -		6.790 -		3.031 -	
Ca	1.004				0.575		1.020		0.574			
Gd	0.000				0.239		0.000		0.238			
Ce(+3)	0.000				0.167		0.000		0.168			
U(+4)	0.000				0.000		0.000		0.000			
Sum	1.004				0.980		1.020		0.979			
Charge	2.007				2.366		2.041		2.365			
Ca	0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000	
Ni	0.127		0.955		0.397		0.111		0.418		0.951	
Ce(+3)	0.244		0.001		0.000		0.256		0.000		0.001	
Gd	0.228		0.001		0.000		0.225		0.000		0.001	
Hf	0.011		0.034		0.405		0.019		0.352		0.029	
U(+4)	0.016		0.001		0.031		0.000		0.041		0.003	
U(+6)	0.370		0.000		0.186		0.369		0.210		0.000	
Sum	0.996		0.992		1.020		0.980		1.021		0.985	
Charge	2.888		2.055		3.098		2.847		3.036		2.037	
Ti	1.789		0.981		1.709		1.836		1.672		0.984	
Hf	0.206		0.000		0.269		0.164		0.297		0.000	
Al	0.004		0.028		0.023		0.000		0.031		0.027	
Sum	2.000		1.008		2.000		2.000		2.000		1.011	
Charge	7.996		4.005		7.977		8.000		7.969		4.016	
Model Oxygen	7.000		3.030		7.000		6.997		7.000		3.027	



Table C7. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10 wt% CuO

	21-1		1350		21-2		1300		21-2		1300	
	Pyrochlore		Rutile		Pyrochlore		Rutile		Rutile		Rutile	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.06	0.02	0.37	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.36	0.07	0.36	0.07	0.36	0.07
CaO	12.23	0.10	0.02	0.03	12.74	0.09	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03
TiO <sub>2</sub>	33.77	0.28	77.53	0.32	33.11	0.32	79.99	0.99	79.99	0.99	79.99	0.99
CuO	1.64	0.08	0.12	0.01	1.14	0.04	0.10	0.02	0.10	0.02	0.10	0.02
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.39	0.34	0.04	0.02	8.93	0.21	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.02	0.18	0.00	0.00	10.04	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HfO <sub>2</sub>	12.03	0.76	19.03	0.41	9.83	0.28	16.78	0.63	16.78	0.63	16.78	0.63
UO <sub>2</sub>	22.30	0.42	1.26	0.12	24.35	0.38	1.57	0.39	1.57	0.39	1.57	0.39
Total	100.44	-	98.37	-	100.18	-	98.87	-	98.87	-	98.87	-
Al	0.005	0.002	0.007	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.006	0.001	0.006	0.001	0.006	0.001
Ca	0.960	0.009	0.000	0.000	1.006	0.005	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ti	1.861	0.008	0.903	0.003	1.835	0.014	0.914	0.006	0.914	0.006	0.914	0.006
Cu	0.091	0.005	0.001	0.000	0.063	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000
Ce	0.225	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.241	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Gd	0.243	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.245	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hf	0.252	0.015	0.084	0.002	0.207	0.006	0.073	0.003	0.073	0.003	0.073	0.003
U	0.364	0.007	0.004	0.000	0.399	0.007	0.005	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.005	0.001
Catatoms	4.000	-	1.000	-	4.000	-	1.000	-	1.000	-	1.000	-
Oxygen	6.713	-	1.995	-	6.686	-	1.995	-	1.995	-	1.995	-
Ca	0.960				1.006							
Gd	0.040				0.000							
Ce(+3)	0.000				0.000							
U(+4)	0.000				0.000							
Sum	1.000				1.006							
Charge	2.040				2.011							
Ca	0.000				0.000							
Cu	0.091				0.063							
Ce(+3)	0.225				0.241							
Gd	0.204				0.245							
Hf	0.117				0.046							
U(+4)	0.077				0.112							
U(+6)	0.287				0.287							
Sum	1.000				0.994							
Charge	3.103				3.078							
Ti	1.861		0.903		1.835		0.914		0.914		0.914	
Hf	0.134		0.084		0.161		0.073		0.073		0.073	
Al	0.005		0.007		0.004		0.006		0.006		0.006	
Sum	2.000		0.994		2.000		0.993		0.993		0.993	
Charge	7.995		3.968		7.996		3.965		3.965		3.965	
Model Oxygen	7.000		1.984		6.973		1.983		1.983		1.983	

Table C8. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10 wt% ZnO

	22-1	1350	22-1	1350	22-2	1300	22-2	1300
	Pyrochlore		Rutile		Pyrochlore		Hafnolite	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.10	0.04	0.48	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.05
CaO	12.39	0.32	0.06	0.06	14.16	0.15	7.95	0.22
TiO <sub>2</sub>	34.21	0.21	78.79	0.67	37.26	0.22	40.00	1.19
ZnO	0.34	0.02	0.00	0.00	2.25	0.11	7.63	0.39
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.66	0.26	0.06	0.05	9.00	0.16	6.53	0.21
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.06	0.37	0.00	0.00	7.73	0.08	8.60	0.45
HfO <sub>2</sub>	12.10	1.03	19.00	0.34	4.78	0.32	18.89	0.58
UO <sub>2</sub>	22.07	0.64	1.69	0.28	24.24	0.22	11.94	0.82
Total	99.92	0.37	100.08	0.49	99.41	-	101.90	-
Al	0.008	0.003	0.009	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.028	0.004
Ca	0.979	0.022	0.001	0.001	1.056	0.008	0.588	0.010
Ti	1.898	0.012	0.902	0.004	1.950	0.003	2.077	0.045
Zn	0.018	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.116	0.006	0.389	0.019
Ce	0.234	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.229	0.004	0.165	0.005
Gd	0.246	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.178	0.002	0.197	0.011
Hf	0.255	0.022	0.083	0.002	0.095	0.006	0.372	0.011
U	0.362	0.010	0.006	0.001	0.375	0.004	0.184	0.013
Catatoms	4.000 -		1.000 -		4.000 -		4.000 -	
Oxygen	6.759 -		1.995 -		6.625 -		6.828 -	
Ca	0.979				1.056		0.588	
Gd	0.021				0.000		0.197	
Ce(+3)	0.000				0.000		0.165	
U(+4)	0.000				0.000		0.000	
Sum	1.000				1.056		0.950	
Charge	2.021				2.111		2.263	
Al	0.000				0.000		0.028	
Ca	0.000				0.000		0.000	
Cu	0.018				0.116		0.389	
Ce(+3)	0.234				0.229		0.000	
Gd	0.225				0.178		0.000	
Hf	0.161				0.046		0.372	
U(+4)	0.121				0.000		0.012	
U(+6)	0.241				0.375		0.172	
Sum	1.000				0.944		0.945	
Charge	3.264				2.763		2.829	
Ti	1.898		0.902		1.950		2.077	
Hf	0.094		0.083		0.049		0.000	
Al	0.008		0.009		0.000		0.000	
Sum	2.000		0.993		2.000		2.077	
Charge	7.992		3.964		8.000		8.308	
Model Oxygen	7.000		1.982		7.000		7.000	

Table C9. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10 wt% Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

	18-1	1350	18-1	1350	18-1	1350	18-2	1300	18-2	1300	18-2	1300
	Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		rutile		Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Rutile	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.07	0.01	0.57	0.02	0.10	0.03	0.09	0.04	0.56	0.02	0.07	0.04
CaO	12.99	0.12	9.52	0.13	0.25	0.43	12.91	0.35	9.58	0.16	0.19	0.12
TiO <sub>2</sub>	31.60	0.18	29.79	0.41	62.75	2.79	31.48	0.50	29.93	0.57	62.44	1.07
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.88	0.10	5.76	0.33	8.51	0.87	1.84	0.31	5.84	0.24	8.49	0.09
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.78	0.20	3.59	0.11	0.23	0.26	9.93	0.34	3.54	0.09	0.16	0.07
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.48	0.15	7.42	0.47	0.18	0.35	10.61	0.45	7.63	0.63	0.07	0.12
HfO <sub>2</sub>	8.98	0.35	34.46	1.60	14.20	0.92	9.39	3.09	34.57	2.24	13.23	0.63
UO <sub>2</sub>	24.41	0.29	9.29	0.50	11.97	1.39	23.96	1.17	9.19	0.67	12.97	0.57
Total	100.18 -		100.41 -		98.20 -		100.21 -		100.84 -		97.61 -	
Al	0.006	0.001	0.050	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.008	0.003	0.049	0.002	0.001	0.001
Ca	1.025	0.008	0.763	0.011	0.004	0.007	1.020	0.029	0.763	0.009	0.003	0.002
Ti	1.751	0.009	1.672	0.017	0.771	0.019	1.746	0.028	1.674	0.022	0.774	0.009
Cr	0.109	0.006	0.341	0.019	0.110	0.013	0.107	0.018	0.343	0.014	0.111	0.002
Ce	0.264	0.005	0.098	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.268	0.010	0.096	0.002	0.001	0.000
Gd	0.256	0.004	0.183	0.011	0.001	0.002	0.259	0.011	0.188	0.015	0.000	0.001
Hf	0.189	0.007	0.739	0.039	0.066	0.005	0.198	0.064	0.734	0.052	0.062	0.003
U	0.400	0.005	0.155	0.008	0.044	0.006	0.393	0.021	0.152	0.010	0.048	0.002
Catatoms	4.000 -		4.000 -		1.000 -		4.000 -		4.000 -		1.000 -	
Oxygen	6.657 -		6.902 -		1.938 -		6.658 -		6.898 -		1.940 -	
Ca	1.025		0.763				1.020		0.763			
Gd	0.000		0.183				0.000		0.188			
Ce(+3)	0.000		0.055				0.000		0.049			
U(+4)	0.000		0.000				0.000		0.000			
Sum	1.025		1.000				1.020		1.000			
Charge	2.050		2.237				2.041		2.237			
Ca	0.000		0.000				0.000		0.000			
Cr	0.055		0.341				0.058		0.343			
Ce(+3)	0.264		0.043				0.268		0.048			
Gd	0.256		0.000				0.259		0.000			
Hf	0.000		0.461				0.000		0.457			
U(+4)	0.058		0.057				0.051		0.050			
U(+6)	0.342		0.098				0.342		0.102			
Sum	0.975		1.000				0.980		1.000			
Charge	2.984		3.518				2.990		3.507			
Ti	1.751		1.672		0.771		1.746		1.674		0.774	
Hf	0.189		0.278		0.066		0.198		0.277		0.062	
Al	0.006		0.050		0.002		0.008		0.049		0.001	
Cr	0.054		0.000		0.110		0.049		0.000		0.111	
Sum	1.946		2.000		0.840		1.951		2.000		0.837	
Charge	7.777		7.950		3.356		7.798		7.951		3.347	
Model Oxygen	7.000		7.000		1.843		7.000		7.000		1.840	

Table C10. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10wt% FeAl<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

	11-1		1350		11-1		1350		11-2		1300		11-2		1300		11-2		1300	
	Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Psuedobrookite		Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Psuedobrookite		Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Psuedobrookite		Pyrochlore	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.35	0.21	3.51	0.09	42.15	0.92	0.24	0.05	3.27	0.04	39.96	0.54	0.24	0.05	3.27	0.04	39.96	0.54	0.24	0.05
CaO	12.94	0.32	7.95	0.09	0.12	0.03	13.77	0.18	8.19	0.11	0.09	0.03	13.77	0.18	8.19	0.11	0.09	0.03	13.77	0.18
TiO <sub>2</sub>	33.36	0.58	34.81	0.30	42.27	0.24	35.00	0.79	36.56	0.98	41.95	0.27	35.00	0.79	36.56	0.98	41.95	0.27	35.00	0.79
FeO	1.47	0.34	5.20	0.11	12.83	0.27	1.13	0.06	5.39	0.14	14.80	0.35	1.13	0.06	5.39	0.14	14.80	0.35	1.13	0.06
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.22	0.85	5.37	0.17	0.07	0.04	10.79	0.88	5.57	0.30	0.11	0.05	10.79	0.88	5.57	0.30	0.11	0.05	10.79	0.88
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.66	0.24	10.48	0.32	0.09	0.08	8.37	0.29	9.68	0.40	0.06	0.06	8.37	0.29	9.68	0.40	0.06	0.06	8.37	0.29
HfO <sub>2</sub>	6.44	1.54	23.32	0.41	1.39	0.08	4.42	0.23	21.85	0.65	1.16	0.03	4.42	0.23	21.85	0.65	1.16	0.03	4.42	0.23
UO <sub>2</sub>	23.42	0.93	7.88	0.29	0.12	0.07	23.33	1.68	6.89	0.65	0.04	0.03	23.33	1.68	6.89	0.65	0.04	0.03	23.33	1.68
Total	96.86	-	98.51	-	99.04	-	97.04	-	97.40	-	98.18	-	97.04	-	97.40	-	98.18	-	97.04	-
Al	0.031	0.019	0.290	0.008	1.606	0.023	0.020	0.004	0.267	0.001	1.544	0.013	0.020	0.004	0.267	0.001	1.544	0.013	0.020	0.004
Ca	1.023	0.019	0.597	0.006	0.004	0.001	1.064	0.018	0.609	0.010	0.003	0.001	1.064	0.018	0.609	0.010	0.003	0.001	1.064	0.018
Ti	1.850	0.021	1.836	0.012	1.028	0.013	1.898	0.030	1.908	0.028	1.034	0.003	1.898	0.030	1.908	0.028	1.034	0.003	1.898	0.030
Fe	0.091	0.021	0.305	0.007	0.347	0.009	0.068	0.004	0.313	0.008	0.406	0.011	0.068	0.004	0.313	0.008	0.406	0.011	0.068	0.004
Ce	0.249	0.022	0.138	0.004	0.001	0.000	0.285	0.021	0.141	0.006	0.001	0.001	0.285	0.021	0.141	0.006	0.001	0.001	0.285	0.021
Gd	0.236	0.005	0.244	0.008	0.001	0.001	0.200	0.006	0.223	0.008	0.001	0.001	0.200	0.006	0.223	0.008	0.001	0.001	0.200	0.006
Hf	0.136	0.033	0.467	0.007	0.013	0.001	0.091	0.005	0.433	0.018	0.011	0.000	0.091	0.005	0.433	0.018	0.011	0.000	0.091	0.005
U	0.384	0.014	0.123	0.005	0.001	0.000	0.375	0.030	0.106	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.375	0.030	0.106	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.375	0.030
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	4.000	0.000
Oxygen	6.628	-	6.762	-	4.845	-	6.616	0.000	6.763	0.000	4.818	0.000	6.616	0.000	6.763	0.000	4.818	0.000	6.616	0.000
Ca	1.023		0.597				1.064		0.609				1.064		0.609				1.064	
Gd	0.000		0.244				0.000		0.223				0.000		0.223				0.000	
Ce(+3)	0.000		0.138						0.141						0.141					
Sum	1.023		0.979				1.064		0.973				1.064		0.973				1.064	
Charge	2.045		2.339				2.128		2.310				2.128		2.310				2.128	
Ca	0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000	
Al	0.000		0.127		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000	
Fe(+3)	0.091		0.305		1.606		0.068		0.313		1.544		0.068		0.313		1.544		0.068	
Ce(+3)	0.249		0.000		0.347		0.285		0.141		0.406		0.285		0.141		0.406		0.285	
Gd	0.236		0.000		0.000		0.200		0.000		0.000		0.200		0.000		0.000		0.200	
Hf	0.017		0.467		0.000		0.009		0.433		0.000		0.009		0.433		0.000		0.009	
U(+4)	0.058		0.037		0.000		0.025		0.025		0.000		0.025		0.025		0.000		0.025	
U(+6)	0.326		0.086		0.000		0.350		0.081		0.000		0.350		0.081		0.000		0.350	
Sum	0.977		1.021		1.953		0.936		0.994		1.950		0.936		0.994		1.950		0.936	
Charge	3.894		3.826		5.858		3.824		3.370		5.849		3.824		3.370		5.849		3.824	
Ti	1.850		1.836		1.028		1.898		1.908		1.034		1.898		1.908		1.034		1.898	
Hf	0.119		0.000		0.013		0.082		0.000		0.011		0.082		0.000		0.011		0.082	
Al	0.031		0.164		0.000		0.020		0.267		0.000		0.020		0.267		0.000		0.020	
Sum	2.000		2.000		1.041		2.000		2.175		1.045		2.000		2.175		1.045		2.000	
Charge	7.969		7.836		4.163		7.980		8.432		4.180		7.980		8.432		4.180		7.980	
Model Oxygen	7.000		7.000		5.010		7.000		7.000		5.014		7.000		7.000		5.014		7.000	

Table C11. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10wt% MgAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

	12-1	1350	12-1	1350	12-2	1300	12-2	1300	12-2	1300
	Pyrochlore		Pseudobrookite		Pyrochlore		Pseudobrookite		Hafnolite	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev		
MgO	0.83	0.07	9.67	0.38	0.74	0.09	10.13	0.19	1.48	0.06
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.31	0.03	28.50	4.20	0.24	0.01	26.50	1.33	2.49	0.43
CaO	12.47	0.19	0.36	0.47	12.98	0.36	0.21	0.08	8.80	0.42
TiO <sub>2</sub>	34.39	0.64	58.24	4.06	34.50	0.76	60.39	0.71	31.54	0.63
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.37	0.39	0.27	0.33	9.37	0.45	0.08	0.07	4.71	0.34
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.04	0.44	0.00	0.00	8.65	0.28	0.08	0.03	8.79	0.94
HfO <sub>2</sub>	7.56	0.15	3.28	0.26	6.32	0.22	3.04	0.13	30.59	1.53
UO <sub>2</sub>	22.57	1.36	0.11	0.04	23.95	1.54	0.12	0.08	12.46	1.15
Total	96.53 -		100.44 -		96.74 -		100.55 -		100.86 -	
Mg	0.091	0.008	0.464	0.025	0.081	0.010	0.488	0.013	0.162	0.005
Al	0.027	0.002	1.078	0.131	0.020	0.001	1.008	0.040	0.216	0.042
Ca	0.982	0.013	0.012	0.015	1.017	0.020	0.007	0.003	0.693	0.024
Ti	1.901	0.031	1.411	0.124	1.899	0.020	1.467	0.029	1.743	0.007
Ce	0.252	0.010	0.003	0.004	0.251	0.009	0.001	0.001	0.127	0.008
Gd	0.220	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.210	0.007	0.001	0.000	0.214	0.020
Hf	0.159	0.003	0.030	0.003	0.132	0.004	0.028	0.001	0.642	0.036
U	0.369	0.023	0.001	0.000	0.390	0.030	0.001	0.001	0.204	0.016
Catatoms	4.000 -		3.000 -		6.662 -		5.000 -		6.867 -	
Oxygen	6.678 -		4.983 -		4.000 -		3.000 -		4.000 -	
Ca	0.982				1.017				0.693	
Gd	0.018				0.000				0.214	
Ce(+3)	0.000				0.000				0.093	
Sum	1.000				1.017				0.907	
Charge	2.018				2.035				2.027	
Ca	0.000				0.000				0.000	
Al	0.000		1.078		0.000		1.008		0.000	
Mg	0.091		0.464		0.081		0.488		0.162	
Ce(+3)	0.252		0.000		0.251		0.000		0.033	
Gd	0.202		0.000		0.210		0.000		0.000	
Hf	0.086		0.000		0.051		0.000		0.601	
U(+4)	0.047		0.000		0.052		0.000		0.204	
U(+6)	0.322		0.000		0.338		0.000		0.000	
Sum	1.000		1.543		0.983		1.495		1.000	
Charge	4.009		0.928		3.985		0.975		3.643	
Ti	1.901		1.411		1.899		1.467		1.743	
Hf	0.073		0.030		0.081		0.028		0.041	
Al	0.027		0.000		0.020		0.000		0.216	
Sum	2.000		1.442		2.000		1.495		2.000	
Charge	7.973		5.766		7.980		5.978		7.784	
Model Oxygen	7.000		4.965		7.000		4.989		6.867	

Table C12. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10wt% CaAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

	13-1	1350	13-1	1350	13-1	1350	13-2	1300	13-2	1300	13-2	1300	13-2	1300	13-2	1300
	Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		CTA		Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		CTA		Rutile		Corundum	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.32	0.09	3.47	0.74	57.64	0.37	0.20	0.01	3.73	0.17	57.64	0.37	1.10	0.01	99.08	1.31
CaO	14.78	0.17	11.37	0.94	5.86	0.08	14.84	0.09	11.04	0.15	5.86	0.08	0.22	0.01	0.08	0.05
TiO <sub>2</sub>	36.41	0.39	37.01	0.63	30.36	0.10	35.93	0.19	36.74	0.29	30.36	0.10	87.43	0.45	0.30	0.11
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.50	0.17	3.62	1.23	5.33	0.13	8.75	0.23	2.98	0.31	5.33	0.13	0.08	0.04	0.06	0.01
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.79	0.19	6.54	0.53	0.87	0.06	7.81	0.21	6.52	0.24	0.87	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.02	0.03
HfO <sub>2</sub>	6.97	0.77	28.23	4.92	1.31	0.14	5.70	0.16	31.37	1.20	1.31	0.14	8.93	0.26	0.16	0.02
UO <sub>2</sub>	22.62	0.59	8.79	3.34	0.15	0.09	23.66	0.27	7.18	1.03	0.15	0.09	2.37	0.04	0.06	0.02
Total	97.38	-	99.04	-	101.52	-	96.88	-	99.55	0.52	101.52	-	100.19	-	99.76	-
Al	0.027	0.007	0.284	0.062	8.178	0.030	0.017	0.001	0.305	0.013	8.184	0.020	0.018	0.000	1.993	0.002
Ca	1.125	0.015	0.846	0.067	0.755	0.011	1.139	0.006	0.821	0.013	0.755	0.010	0.003	0.000	0.001	0.001
Ti	1.945	0.012	1.932	0.015	2.748	0.015	1.936	0.008	1.917	0.013	2.757	0.017	0.934	0.001	0.004	0.001
Ce	0.221	0.005	0.092	0.031	0.235	0.005	0.229	0.006	0.076	0.008	0.233	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Gd	0.183	0.005	0.151	0.012	0.035	0.002	0.185	0.005	0.150	0.006	0.034	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hf	0.141	0.015	0.560	0.100	0.045	0.005	0.116	0.003	0.621	0.022	0.035	0.002	0.036	0.001	0.001	0.000
U	0.358	0.011	0.136	0.051	0.004	0.002	0.377	0.003	0.111	0.016	0.004	0.001	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	12.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	12.000	0.000	1.000	0.000	2.000	0.000
oxygen	6.660	0.014	6.891	0.058	19.021	0.008	6.645	-	6.914	-	-	-	1.987	-	3.002	-
Ca	1.000		0.846				1.000		0.821							
Gd	0.000		0.151				0.000		0.150							
Sum	1.000		0.996				1.000		0.971							
Charge	2.000		2.143				2.000		2.091							
Ca	0.125		0.000		0.755		0.139		0.000		0.755					
Ce(+3)	0.221		0.092		0.235		0.229		0.076		0.233					
Gd	0.183		0.000		0.035		0.185		0.000		0.034					
Hf	0.113		0.560		0.000		0.106		0.621		0.000					
U(+4)	0.018		0.027		0.004		0.096		0.025		0.004					
U(+6)	0.340		0.109		0.000		0.281		0.086		0.000					
Sum	1.000		0.788		1.029		1.037		0.808		1.025					
Charge	4.026		3.276		2.335		4.016		3.327		2.323					
Ti	1.945		1.932		2.748		1.936		1.917		2.757		0.934			
Hf	0.028		0.000		0.045		0.047		0.000		0.035		0.080			
Al	0.027		0.284		8.178		0.017		0.305		8.184		0.018		1.993	
Sum	2.000		2.216		10.972		2.000		2.222		10.975		2.000		2.000	
Charge	7.973		8.581		35.708		7.983		8.582		35.718		3.947		3.947	
Model Oxygen	7.000		7.000		19.022		7.000		7.000		19.021		2.055		2.990	

Table C13. Microprobe compositions for Ce-analog with MoO<sub>4</sub>

	P229		1350		P229		1350		P229		1350	
	Pyrochlore		Brannerite		Ca-Mo							
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev						
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
CaO	12.62	0.09	1.25	0.06	26.60	0.11						
TiO <sub>2</sub>	30.70	0.21	39.73	0.47	0.12	0.05						
MoO <sub>3</sub>	1.73	0.13	0.08	0.04	70.21	0.39						
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.38	0.10	9.02	0.33	0.92	0.03						
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.85	0.38	8.17	0.16	0.81	0.04						
HfO <sub>2</sub>	11.02	0.17	7.44	0.43	0.19	0.06						
UO <sub>2</sub>	20.39	0.37	27.84	0.34	0.07	0.02						
Total	93.70	-	93.53	-	98.91	-						
Al	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000						
Ca	1.061	0.006	0.088	0.004	0.973	0.001						
Ti	1.812	0.010	1.966	0.011	0.003	0.001						
Mo	0.057	0.004	0.002	0.001	1.001	0.002						
Ce	0.212	0.003	0.217	0.008	0.011	0.000						
Gd	0.256	0.010	0.178	0.002	0.009	0.000						
Hf	0.247	0.003	0.140	0.009	0.002	0.001						
U	0.356	0.006	0.408	0.003	0.001	0.000						
Catatoms	4.000	-	3.000	-	2.000	-						
Oxygen	6.762	-	5.716	-	4.017	-						
Ca	1.000											
Mo(+6)	0.000											
Gd	0.000											
Ce(+3)	0.000											
U(+4)	0.000											
Sum	1.000											
Charge	2.000											
Ca	0.061			0.088			0.973					
Mo(+6)	0.000			0			0					
Ce(+3)	0.212			0.217			0.011					
Gd	0.256			0.178			0.009					
Hf	0.115			0.108			0.002					
U(+4)	0.118			0.124			0					
U(+6)	0.238			0.284			0.001					
Sum	1.000			1.000			0.996					
Charge	3.173			3.144			2.017					
Ti	1.812			1.966			0.003					
Hf	0.132			0.031			0					
Al	0.000			0.000			0.000					
Mo(+6)	0.057			0.002			1.001					
Sum	2.000			2.000			1.004					
Charge	7.774			7.991			0.013					
Model Oxygen	7.000			6.000			4.018					

Table C14. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with WO<sub>3</sub>

	P232	1350	P232	1350	P232	1350	P232	1350
	Pyrochlore		Brannerite		Ca-W		Rutile	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.01
CaO	12.19	0.08	1.14	0.03	18.55	0.07	0.07	0.03
TiO <sub>2</sub>	26.90	0.29	39.01	0.36	0.27	0.05	67.53	0.64
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.15	0.17	9.32	0.32	0.86	0.03	0.16	0.15
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.09	0.19	8.64	0.14	0.84	0.03	0.14	0.06
HfO <sub>2</sub>	7.12	0.18	7.76	0.63	0.33	0.02	26.52	0.54
WO <sub>3</sub>	14.37	0.09	1.50	0.17	73.99	0.24	0.83	0.15
UO <sub>2</sub>	19.28	0.33	26.69	0.26	0.17	0.05	1.27	0.33
Total	94.09 -		94.05 -		95.01 -		96.56 -	
Al	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000
Ca	1.083	0.008	0.081	0.002	0.994	0.003	0.001	0.000
Ti	1.676	0.015	1.940	0.009	0.010	0.002	0.859	0.004
Ce	0.187	0.005	0.226	0.007	0.016	0.001	0.001	0.001
Gd	0.222	0.006	0.189	0.003	0.014	0.000	0.001	0.000
Hf	0.168	0.004	0.146	0.013	0.005	0.000	0.128	0.002
W	0.309	0.002	0.026	0.003	0.959	0.004	0.004	0.001
U	0.355	0.005	0.393	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.005	0.001
Catatoms	4.000 -		3.000 -		2.000 -		1.000 -	
Oxygen	7.021 -		5.737 -		3.950 -		2.001 -	
Ca	1.000							
W(+6)	0.000							
Gd	0.000							
Ce(+3)	0.000							
U(+4)	0.000							
Sum	1.000							
Charge	2.000							
Ca	0.083		0.081		0.994			
W(+6)	0.000		0		0			
Ce(+3)	0.187		0.226		0.016			
Gd	0.222		0.189		0.014			
Hf	0.153		0.112		0			
U(+4)	0.355		0.130		0			
U(+6)	0.000		0.263		0.002			
Sum	1.000		1.000					
Charge	3.426		3.161					
Ti	1.676		1.940		0.010		0.859	
Hf	0.015		0.035		0.005		0.128	
Al	0.000		0.000		0.000		0.001	
W(+6)	0.309		0.026		0.959		0.004	
Sum	2.000		2.000		0.974		0.992	
Charge	8.558		7.974		2.937		3.964	
Model Oxygen	7.021		6.000		3.952		1.987	



Table C15. Microprobe analyses (wt%) and structural formulae for the Ce-analog with 10 wt% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> added

	2-1		1300 C		2-1		1300 C		2-1		1300 C		2-2		1400 C		2-2		1400 C	
	Brannerite		Rutile		Whitlockite		P-Glass		Brannerite		Rutile		P-Glass		Rutile		P-Glass		Rutile	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.02	0.01	0.07	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.46	0.43	0.08	0.03	40.26	0.94	36.77	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.96	0.81	0.00	0.81
CaO	2.39	0.70	0.29	0.07	41.26	1.56	29.99	0.38	1.39	0.03	0.05	0.04	30.42	0.30	0.06	0.21	0.06	0.32	0.13	0.13
TiO <sub>2</sub>	40.63	2.00	72.82	1.49	1.60	2.17	0.74	0.19	40.72	0.58	69.52	0.65	0.21	0.06	0.32	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
CeO <sub>2</sub>	7.61	0.57	0.10	0.03	7.75	0.33	17.78	0.21	6.80	0.17	0.08	0.02	16.96	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.19	0.53	0.08	0.06	7.80	0.52	13.75	0.37	8.16	0.20	0.14	0.06	14.15	0.31	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
HfO <sub>2</sub>	7.79	0.39	26.09	1.58	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.12	8.77	0.36	29.15	0.61	0.32	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
UO <sub>2</sub>	31.65	1.66	1.33	0.25	1.10	1.22	0.36	0.18	31.42	0.64	1.41	0.07	0.24	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
Total	97.74	-	100.85	-	100.06	-	99.70	-	97.27	-	100.36	-	100.26	-	100.26	-	100.26	-	100.26	-
Al	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.003
P	0.024	0.023	0.001	0.000	4.805	0.084	4.162	0.164	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	4.248	0.047	0.000	0.047	0.000	0.047	0.000	0.047
Ca	0.161	0.050	0.005	0.001	6.233	0.217	4.301	0.136	0.096	0.003	0.001	0.001	4.308	0.029	0.000	0.029	0.000	0.029	0.000	0.029
Ti	1.916	0.073	0.869	0.009	0.170	0.231	0.074	0.018	1.968	0.008	0.856	0.004	0.021	0.006	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.021
Ce	0.167	0.014	0.001	0.000	0.381	0.018	0.831	0.020	0.152	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.783	0.017	0.000	0.783	0.000	0.783	0.000	0.017
Gd	0.150	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.365	0.023	0.610	0.026	0.174	0.004	0.001	0.000	0.620	0.015	0.000	0.620	0.000	0.620	0.000	0.015
Hf	0.139	0.008	0.118	0.008	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.005	0.161	0.005	0.136	0.003	0.012	0.005	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.005
U	0.442	0.021	0.005	0.001	0.034	0.038	0.011	0.006	0.449	0.004	0.005	0.000	0.007	0.005	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.005
Catatoms	3.000	-	1.000	-	12.000	-	10.000	-	3.000	-	1.000	-	10.000	-	1.000	-	10.000	-	1.000	-
Oxygen	5.776	-	1.995	-	19.987	-	17.475	-	5.817	-	1.999	-	17.505	-	1.999	-	17.505	-	1.999	-
Ca																				
Gd																				
Sum																				
Charge																				
Ca	0.161		0.005		6.233		4.301		0.096		0.001									
Ce(+3)	0.167		0.001		0.381		0.831		0.152		0.000									
Gd	0.150		0.000		0.365		0.610		0.174		0.001									
Hf	0.081		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.128		0.000									
U(+4)	0.134		0.000		0.025		0.002		0.190		0.000									
U(+6)	0.308		0.005		0.009		0.009		0.259		0.005									
Sum	1.000		0.011		7.013		5.753		1.000		0.007									
Charge	2.706		0.029		0.156		0.061		2.829		0.031									
Ti	1.916		0.869		0.170		0.074		1.968		0.856									
Hf	0.058		0.118		0.012		0.012		0.032		0.136									
P	0.024		0.001		4.805		4.162		0.000		0.000									
Al	0.001		0.001		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.000									
Sum	2.000		0.989		4.987		4.247		2.000		0.993									
Model Oxygen	6.000		1.996		15.001		12.907		6.000		2.003									

Table C15. Microprobe analyses (wt%) and structural formulae for the Ce-analog with 10 wt% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> added

	2-3	1350 C	2-3	1350 C	2-3	1350 C	2-3	1350 C
	Brannerite		Rutile		whitlockite		P-glass	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.24	0.59	0.12	0.11	40.95	1.02	37.40	2.05
CaO	1.97	0.42	0.45	0.10	42.32	0.26	29.78	0.33
TiO <sub>2</sub>	40.99	0.69	69.34	1.50	0.28	0.22	0.83	0.40
CeO <sub>2</sub>	6.53	0.58	0.27	0.15	7.15	0.46	17.23	0.90
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.52	0.18	0.19	0.03	7.10	0.34	13.78	0.31
HfO <sub>2</sub>	8.08	0.53	28.70	0.65	0.06	0.10	0.47	0.04
UO <sub>2</sub>	32.41	1.24	1.77	0.83	0.27	0.24	0.20	0.19
Total	97.75 -		100.84 -		98.14 -		99.69 -	
Al	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.000
P	0.013	0.031	0.002	0.001	4.89	0.08	4.223	0.141
Ca	0.133	0.028	0.008	0.002	6.39	0.07	4.258	0.094
Ti	1.950	0.044	0.848	0.006	0.03	0.02	0.083	0.039
Ce	0.144	0.012	0.002	0.001	0.35	0.02	0.803	0.050
Gd	0.158	0.004	0.001	0.000	0.33	0.01	0.610	0.024
Hf	0.146	0.010	0.133	0.004	0.00	0.00	0.018	0.002
U	0.456	0.020	0.006	0.003	0.01	0.01	0.006	0.006
Catatoms	3.000 -		1.000 -		12.00	-	10.000 -	
Oxygen	5.794 -		1.992 -		19.89	-	17.548 -	
Ca								
Gd								
Sum								
Charge								
Ca	0.133		0.008		6.390			
Ce(+3)	0.144		0.002		0.352			
Gd	0.158		0.001		0.332			
Hf	0.109		0.000		0.000			
U(+4)	0.178		0.001		0.000			
U(+6)	0.278		0.005		0.008			
Sum	1.000		0.017		7.082			
Charge	2.816		0.036		0.050			
Ti	1.950		0.848		0.030			
Hf	0.037		0.133		0.002			
P	0.013		0.002		4.886			
Al	0.000		0.000		0.000			
Sum	2.000		0.983		4.918			
Model Oxygen	6.000		1.995		19.89			

Table C16. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>

	10-1		1350		10-1		1350		10-2		1300		10-2		1300		10-2		1300	
	Brannerite		Rutile		Glass		Brannerite		Glass		Hafnon									
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev								
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.23	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.46	0.02	0.00	0.00								
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.21	0.07	0.00	0.00	24.88	0.50	16.57	1.75								
CaO	1.09	0.05	0.03	0.01	10.83	0.19	1.22	0.27	23.80	0.14	0.22	0.16								
TiO <sub>2</sub>	40.55	0.27	73.18	0.65	32.40	0.20	40.64	0.32	32.95	0.34	1.75	1.49								
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.46	0.19	0.03	0.03	7.96	0.09	10.38	0.32	0.84	0.09	1.09	0.56								
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.22	0.23	0.00	0.00	5.98	0.18	9.12	0.16	2.16	0.10	1.13	0.71								
HfO <sub>2</sub>	9.25	0.27	25.27	0.45	8.99	0.15	6.66	0.59	12.21	0.75	73.28	3.99								
UO <sub>2</sub>	29.53	0.38	0.98	0.07	15.07	0.39	28.14	0.80	0.19	0.02	1.99	1.57								
Total	98.11	-	99.54	-	96.65	-	96.17	-	97.50	-	96.03	-								
Al	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.043	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.068	0.003	0.000	0.000								
Si	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.443	0.013	0.000	0.000	3.100	0.044	0.411	0.035								
Ca	0.074	0.003	0.000	0.000	1.864	0.032	0.084	0.019	3.178	0.028	0.006	0.004								
Ti	1.945	0.009	0.880	0.002	3.914	0.022	1.956	0.012	3.088	0.028	0.033	0.029								
Ce	0.198	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.468	0.005	0.243	0.007	0.038	0.004	0.010	0.005								
Gd	0.195	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.318	0.009	0.194	0.004	0.089	0.004	0.009	0.006								
Hf	0.169	0.006	0.115	0.002	0.412	0.008	0.122	0.011	0.435	0.028	0.519	0.019								
U	0.419	0.004	0.003	0.000	0.539	0.013	0.401	0.010	0.005	0.001	0.011	0.009								
Catatoms	3.000	-	1.000	0.000	10.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	10.000	0.000	1.000	0.000								
Oxygen	5.729	-	1.999	-	17.722	-	5.697	-	16.725	-	1.984	-								
Ca																				
Gd																				
Sum																				
Charge																				
Ca	0.074				1.864		0.084		3.178											
Ce(+3)	0.198				0.468		0.243		0.038											
Gd	0.195				0.318		0.194		0.089											
Hf	0.114				0.412		0.079		0.435											
U(+4)	0.170				0.539		0.152		0.005											
U(+6)	0.249				0.000		0.249		0.000											
Sum	1.000				3.600		1.000		3.745											
Charge	4.000				4.000		4.000		4.000											
Ti	1.945		0.880		3.914		1.956		3.088		0.033									
Hf	0.055		1.119		0.000		0.043		0.000		1.967									
Al	0.000		0.001		0.043		0.001		0.068		0.000									
Si	0.000		0.000		2.443		0.000		3.100		0.411									
Sum	2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000									
Charge	7.992		7.992		7.992		7.992		7.992		7.992									
Model Oxygens	5.978		4.000				5.946				4.000									

Table C17. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10 wt% NaAlSiO<sub>4</sub>

	15-1		1350		15-1		1350		15-2		1300		15-2		1300		15-2		1300	
	Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Glass		Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Rutile		glass							
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev						
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.99	0.07	0.56	0.04	4.01	0.39	1.04	0.07	0.71	0.07	0.02	0.03	4.77	0.76						
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.15	0.04	2.59	0.19	8.79	1.53	0.11	0.01	2.66	0.42	0.69	0.02	19.24	0.85						
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.05	0.01	0.57	0.06	15.43	2.60	0.01	0.02	0.72	0.27	0.22	0.03	35.25	1.42						
CaO	11.24	0.13	8.85	0.19	6.39	1.19	11.61	0.09	9.39	0.36	0.09	0.02	6.32	0.29						
TiO <sub>2</sub>	33.70	0.20	33.57	0.26	42.94	3.72	34.08	0.22	34.91	0.40	80.66	0.40	22.98	1.97						
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.16	0.11	3.52	0.34	4.00	1.16	9.69	0.16	3.84	0.87	0.06	0.01	1.08	0.33						
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.99	0.22	7.73	0.07	1.77	1.23	9.07	0.22	7.21	0.26	0.12	0.06	0.41	0.28						
HfO <sub>2</sub>	10.26	0.42	34.23	1.75	5.94	0.88	7.90	0.21	32.97	3.92	14.84	0.14	3.09	0.24						
UO <sub>2</sub>	23.17	0.33	7.57	1.16	9.99	2.90	24.81	0.21	8.27	2.39	2.04	0.09	5.55	1.00						
Total	98.71	-	99.19	-	99.27	-	98.32	-	100.67	-	98.72	-	98.69	-						
Na	0.141	0.010	0.080	0.006	0.987	0.051	0.148	0.009	0.098	0.009	0.000	0.001	0.982	0.133						
Al	0.013	0.004	0.223	0.016	1.309	0.158	0.010	0.001	0.222	0.033	0.012	0.000	2.416	0.087						
Si	0.004	0.001	0.041	0.004	1.950	0.226	0.001	0.001	0.050	0.019	0.003	0.000	3.756	0.116						
Ca	0.888	0.007	0.693	0.015	0.881	0.219	0.912	0.005	0.711	0.034	0.001	0.000	0.722	0.043						
Ti	1.868	0.011	1.844	0.018	4.100	0.197	1.879	0.010	1.856	0.019	0.911	0.001	1.842	0.165						
Ce	0.247	0.003	0.094	0.009	0.190	0.067	0.260	0.004	0.100	0.024	0.000	0.000	0.042	0.014						
Gd	0.244	0.005	0.187	0.002	0.078	0.059	0.220	0.005	0.169	0.008	0.001	0.000	0.015	0.010						
Hf	0.216	0.009	0.714	0.033	0.218	0.046	0.165	0.004	0.665	0.074	0.064	0.000	0.094	0.009						
U	0.380	0.005	0.123	0.019	0.288	0.102	0.405	0.003	0.130	0.039	0.007	0.000	0.132	0.026						
Catatoms	4.000	-	4.000	-	10.000	-	4.000	-	4.000	-	1.000	-	10.000	-						
oxygen	6.648	-	6.935	-	16.851	-	6.621	-	6.897	-	1.991	-	16.569	-						
Na	0.141		0.080				0.148		0.098											
Ca	0.888		0.693				0.912		0.711											
Gd	0.000		0.187				0.000		0.169											
Sum	1.029		0.960				1.060		0.978											
Charge	1.917		2.028				1.972		2.027											
Ca	0.000		0.000				0.000		0.000											
Al	0.000		0.068						0.077											
Ce(+3)	0.247		0.094				0.260		0.100											
Gd	0.244		0.000				0.220		0.000											
Hf	0.096		0.714				0.054		0.665											
U(+4)	0.021		0.000				0.025		0.000											
U(+6)	0.359		0.123				0.380		0.130											
Sum	0.967		0.999				0.939		0.972											
Charge	3.020		3.507				2.897		3.349											
Ti	1.868		1.844				1.879		1.856		0.911									
Hf	0.120		0.000				0.111		0.000		0.064									
Al	0.013		0.156				0.010		0.145		0.012									
Sum	2.000		2.000				2.000		2.000		0.987									
Charge	7.987		7.844				7.990		7.856		3.936									
Model Oxygen	7.000		6.976				7.000		6.927		1.968									

Table C18. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 20 wt% NaAlSiO<sub>3</sub>.

	16-1	1350	16-1	1350	16-1	1350	16-2	1300	16-2	1300	16-2	1300
	Pyrochlore		Glass		Hafnolite		Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Glass	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.12	0.08	4.67	0.44	0.66	0.10	1.26	0.07	0.95	0.11	6.36	0.89
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.11	0.01	9.72	0.30	2.49	0.17	0.10	0.01	2.91	0.80	15.27	0.49
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.08	0.01	17.18	0.31	0.58	0.07	0.09	0.07	2.09	1.81	27.93	0.80
CaO	10.55	0.11	7.41	0.24	8.61	0.24	10.98	0.11	8.81	0.16	4.80	0.67
TiO <sub>2</sub>	31.97	0.24	33.01	0.50	31.71	0.18	34.47	0.21	35.82	0.60	29.80	0.74
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.77	0.21	4.32	0.23	3.56	0.56	10.11	0.20	3.08	0.21	1.60	0.38
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.90	0.22	2.52	0.31	8.13	0.42	9.43	0.22	6.81	0.38	1.00	0.27
HfO <sub>2</sub>	11.67	0.31	6.46	0.16	35.50	2.18	7.88	0.20	34.16	1.84	3.63	0.27
UO <sub>2</sub>	21.71	2.06	12.54	0.44	7.27	1.48	23.31	0.25	6.05	0.40	7.88	0.80
Total	97.88	1.90	97.83	0.65	98.50	0.96	97.64	-	100.69	-	98.26	-
Na	0.163	0.013	1.167	0.098	0.096	0.015	0.179	0.009	0.127	0.015	1.374	0.155
Al	0.010	0.001	1.479	0.037	0.219	0.015	0.009	0.001	0.234	0.057	2.010	0.042
Si	0.006	0.001	2.217	0.029	0.043	0.005	0.006	0.005	0.141	0.117	3.121	0.055
Ca	0.852	0.005	1.024	0.037	0.688	0.014	0.862	0.008	0.649	0.026	0.574	0.075
Ti	1.812	0.013	3.203	0.056	1.780	0.005	1.899	0.010	1.853	0.079	2.506	0.103
Ce	0.270	0.006	0.204	0.012	0.097	0.015	0.271	0.005	0.078	0.007	0.066	0.016
Gd	0.272	0.006	0.108	0.014	0.201	0.010	0.229	0.005	0.155	0.013	0.037	0.010
Hf	0.251	0.008	0.238	0.008	0.756	0.046	0.165	0.004	0.671	0.053	0.116	0.011
U	0.364	0.033	0.360	0.016	0.121	0.024	0.380	0.005	0.093	0.007	0.196	0.023
Catatoms	4.000	-	10.000	-	4.000	-	4.000	-	4.000	-	10.000	-
oxygen	6.628	-	16.330	-	6.910	-	6.615	-	6.928	-	16.308	-
Na	0.163				0.096		0.179		0.127			
Ca	0.852				0.688		0.862		0.649			
Gd	0.000				0.201		0.000		0.155			
Sum	1.015				0.985		1.041		0.931			
Charge	1.867				2.075		1.903		1.890			
Ca	0.000				0.000		0.000		0.000			
Al	0.000				0.000		0.000		0.000			
Ce(+3)	0.270				0.097		0.271		0.078			
Gd	0.272				0.000		0.229		0.000			
Hf	0.073				0.756		0.072		0.671			
U(+4)	0.000				0.000		0.000		0.000			
U(+6)	0.364				0.121		0.380		0.093			
Sum	0.979				0.974		0.952		0.841			
Charge	3.010				3.678		2.929		3.195			
Ti	1.812				1.780		1.899		1.853			
Hf	0.178				0.000		0.093		0.000			
Al	0.010				0.219		0.009		0.234			
Sum	2.000				1.998		2.000		2.087			
Charge	7.990				7.774		7.991		8.113			
Model Oxygen	6.979				6.945		6.982		6.738			

Table C19. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10wt% CaO

	9-1		1300		9-2		1400		9-3		1350	
	Pyrochlore		Perovskite		Pyrochlore		Perovskite		Pyrochlore		Perovskite	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	Std dev	wt%	Std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.03	0.01	0.53	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.46	0.07
CaO	14.51	0.31	33.26	0.51	15.05	0.14	32.17	0.20	14.44	0.46	32.38	0.51
TiO <sub>2</sub>	26.93	1.01	53.85	0.63	27.99	0.36	54.49	0.24	26.88	1.07	53.66	0.32
CeO <sub>2</sub>	7.70	0.22	5.07	0.68	7.38	0.10	6.37	0.55	7.28	0.41	6.07	0.44
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.27	0.22	6.75	0.79	7.61	0.13	5.62	0.93	7.34	0.20	5.76	0.55
HfO <sub>2</sub>	15.65	2.43	1.27	0.30	13.33	0.81	0.69	0.41	17.08	2.71	1.66	0.75
UO <sub>2</sub>	25.51	0.95	0.25	0.06	26.84	0.29	0.02	0.04	24.60	1.88	0.09	0.10
Total	97.61	-	100.98	-	98.19	-	99.36	-	97.64	-	100.09	-
Al	0.003	0.001	0.016	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.001	0.014	0.002
Ca	1.205	0.009	0.876	0.009	1.236	0.006	0.863	0.004	1.205	0.024	0.865	0.009
Ti	1.580	0.038	0.997	0.007	1.614	0.015	1.026	0.004	1.580	0.037	1.006	0.010
Ce	0.210	0.004	0.046	0.006	0.207	0.003	0.058	0.005	0.210	0.014	0.055	0.004
Gd	0.192	0.004	0.054	0.006	0.194	0.004	0.047	0.008	0.192	0.008	0.048	0.004
Hf	0.385	0.059	0.009	0.002	0.292	0.018	0.005	0.003	0.385	0.063	0.012	0.005
U	0.425	0.011	0.001	0.000	0.458	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.425	0.027	0.001	0.001
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	2.000	0.000	4.000	-	2.000	-	4.000	0.000	2.000	0.000
Oxygen	6.593	-	3.066	-	6.564	-	3.084	-	6.593	-	3.077	-
Ca	1.000				1.000				1.000			
Gd	0.000				0.000				0.000			
Sum	1.000				1.000				1.000			
Charge	2.000				2.000				2.000			
Ca	0.205		0.876		0.236		0.863		0.205		0.865	
Ce(+3)	0.210		0.046		0.207		0.058		0.210		0.055	
Gd	0.192		0.054		0.194		0.047		0.192		0.048	
Hf	0.106		0.009		0.106		0.005		0.106		0.012	
U(+4)	0.294		0.001		0.422		0.000		0.294		0.001	
U(+6)	0.131		0.000		0.036		0.000		0.131		0.000	
Sum	1.031		0.987		1.031		0.974		1.031		0.980	
Charge	4.000		2.097		4.000		2.062		4.000		2.088	
Ti	1.580		0.997		1.614		1.026		1.580		1.006	
Hf	0.417		0.000		0.386		0.000		0.418		0.000	
Al	0.003		0.016		0.000		0.000		0.003		0.014	
Sum	2.000		1.013		2.000		1.026		2.000		1.020	
Charge	7.992		4.035		7.992		4.106		7.992		4.065	
Model Oxygen	7.000		3.066		7.000		3.084		7.000		3.077	

Table C20 Microprobe analyses (wt%) and structural formulae for the Ce-analog with 10wt% CaF<sub>2</sub>

	3-1 Pyrochlore		1300 Hafnolite		1300 Perovskite		3-2 Pyrochlore		1400 Perovskite		3-3 Pyrochlore		1350 Perovskite		1350
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.06	0.03	1.90	0.17	0.80	0.11	0.11	0.01	0.91	0.02	0.13	0.07	0.92	0.06	
CaO	15.13	0.14	12.09	0.50	32.04	0.22	14.62	0.26	30.61	0.58	14.88	0.39	30.76	0.70	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	32.93	0.31	33.70	0.28	52.86	0.42	32.55	0.49	51.96	0.53	33.25	0.12	52.73	0.38	
CeO <sub>2</sub>	7.31	0.13	2.69	0.49	7.23	0.19	6.81	0.19	9.02	0.04	7.04	0.16	8.48	0.26	
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.13	0.05	5.00	0.27	6.46	0.11	7.18	0.11	6.54	0.48	7.12	0.21	6.58	0.32	
HfO <sub>2</sub>	10.39	0.31	37.02	1.76	1.20	0.20	12.47	0.61	1.57	0.07	12.57	1.44	1.42	0.17	
UO <sub>2</sub>	23.50	0.34	7.90	2.14	0.22	0.04	22.78	0.47	0.30	0.08	23.08	1.27	0.28	0.04	
Total	96.47	-	100.30	1.20	100.82	0.25	96.52	-	100.92	-	98.06	-	101.16	-	
Al	0.005	0.003	0.162	0.016	0.024	0.003	0.009	0.001	0.028	0.001	0.011	0.006	0.028	0.002	
Ca	1.194	0.012	0.933	0.033	0.854	0.007	1.162	0.017	0.830	0.012	1.165	0.024	0.831	0.009	
Ti	1.825	0.016	1.826	0.026	0.991	0.005	1.825	0.014	0.990	0.009	1.826	0.015	0.997	0.009	
Ce	0.197	0.003	0.071	0.013	0.067	0.002	0.184	0.005	0.084	0.001	0.188	0.005	0.079	0.003	
Gd	0.174	0.001	0.119	0.006	0.054	0.002	0.178	0.003	0.055	0.003	0.172	0.006	0.054	0.003	
Hf	0.219	0.006	0.762	0.041	0.009	0.001	0.267	0.016	0.011	0.000	0.262	0.031	0.010	0.001	
U	0.385	0.006	0.127	0.034	0.001	0.000	0.375	0.007	0.002	0.000	0.375	0.018	0.002	0.000	
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	2.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	2.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	2.000	0.000	
Oxygen	6.617	0.011	6.891	0.033	3.074	0.005	6.652	-	3.087	-	6.649	-	3.089	-	
Ca	1.000		0.933				1.000				1.000				
Gd	0.000		0.067				0.000				0.000				
Sum	1.000		1.000				1.000				1.000				
Charge	2.000		2.067				2.000				2.000				
Ca	0.194		0.000		0.854		0.162		0.830		0.165		0.831		
Ce(+3)	0.197		0.071		0.067		0.184		0.084		0.188		0.079		
Gd	0.174		0.053		0.054		0.178		0.055		0.172		0.054		
Hf	0.106		0.750		0.009		0.106		0.011		0.106		0.010		
U(+4)	0.117		0.018		0.001		0.038		0.002		0.037		0.002		
U(+6)	0.268		0.109		0.000		0.337		0.000		0.338		0.000		
Sum	1.057		1.000		0.985		1.005		0.982		1.031		0.976		
Charge	4.004		4.094		2.110		4.009		2.129		4.011		2.108		
Ti	1.825		1.826		0.991		1.825		0.990		1.826		0.997		
Hf	0.170		0.012		0.000		0.166		0.000		0.163		0.000		
Al	0.005		0.162		0.024		0.009		0.028		0.011		0.028		
Sum	2.000		2.000		1.015		2.000		1.018		2.000		1.024		
Charge	7.995		7.838		4.038		7.991		4.044		7.989		4.070		
Model Oxygen	7.000		7.000		3.074		7.000		3.087		7.000		3.089		

Table C21. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10 wt% MnO<sub>2</sub>

	20-1		1350		20-1		1350		20-2		1300		20-2		1300	
	Pyrochlore		Perovskite		Pyrochlore		Perovskite		Pyrochlore		Perovskite		Pyrochlore		Perovskite	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.12	0.01	0.79	0.05	0.16	0.00	0.89	0.05	0.16	0.00	0.89	0.05	0.16	0.00	0.89	0.05
CaO	9.16	0.06	29.39	0.24	9.35	0.08	29.62	0.25	9.35	0.08	29.62	0.25	9.35	0.08	29.62	0.25
TiO <sub>2</sub>	33.66	0.10	51.15	0.43	33.85	0.13	51.13	0.23	33.85	0.13	51.13	0.23	33.85	0.13	51.13	0.23
MnO	7.36	0.21	4.74	0.08	7.52	0.16	5.33	0.10	7.52	0.16	5.33	0.10	7.52	0.16	5.33	0.10
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.93	0.11	5.12	0.16	7.25	0.22	4.33	0.14	7.25	0.22	4.33	0.14	7.25	0.22	4.33	0.14
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.75	0.18	7.73	0.30	7.58	0.17	7.82	0.17	7.58	0.17	7.82	0.17	7.58	0.17	7.82	0.17
HfO <sub>2</sub>	10.64	0.30	1.26	0.07	10.40	0.19	1.06	0.10	10.40	0.19	1.06	0.10	10.40	0.19	1.06	0.10
UO <sub>2</sub>	20.54	0.27	0.15	0.04	20.14	0.29	0.20	0.04	20.14	0.29	0.20	0.04	20.14	0.29	0.20	0.04
Total	96.14	-	100.32	-	96.24	-	100.37	-	96.24	-	100.37	-	96.24	-	100.37	-
Al	0.010	0.001	0.023	0.002	0.014	0.000	0.026	0.001	0.014	0.000	0.026	0.001	0.014	0.000	0.026	0.001
Ca	0.724	0.006	0.790	0.004	0.733	0.007	0.791	0.004	0.733	0.007	0.791	0.004	0.733	0.007	0.791	0.004
Ti	1.868	0.008	0.965	0.004	1.863	0.006	0.958	0.004	1.863	0.006	0.958	0.004	1.863	0.006	0.958	0.004
Mn	0.460	0.011	0.101	0.002	0.466	0.008	0.113	0.002	0.466	0.008	0.113	0.002	0.466	0.008	0.113	0.002
Ce	0.187	0.003	0.047	0.002	0.194	0.005	0.040	0.001	0.194	0.005	0.040	0.001	0.194	0.005	0.040	0.001
Gd	0.189	0.004	0.064	0.003	0.184	0.004	0.065	0.001	0.184	0.004	0.065	0.001	0.184	0.004	0.065	0.001
Hf	0.224	0.006	0.009	0.000	0.217	0.004	0.008	0.001	0.217	0.004	0.008	0.001	0.217	0.004	0.008	0.001
U	0.337	0.005	0.001	0.000	0.328	0.005	0.001	0.000	0.328	0.005	0.001	0.000	0.328	0.005	0.001	0.000
Catatoms	4.000	-	2.000	-	4.000	-	2.000	-	4.000	-	2.000	-	4.000	-	2.000	-
Oxygen	6.623	-	3.042	-	6.605	-	3.032	-	6.605	-	3.032	-	6.605	-	3.032	-
Ca	0.724				0.733				0.733				0.733			
Gd	0.189				0.184				0.184				0.184			
Ce(+3)	0.087				0.083				0.083				0.083			
U(+4)	0.000				0.000				0.000				0.000			
Sum	1.000				1.000				1.000				1.000			
Charge	2.276				2.267				2.267				2.267			
Ca	0.000		0.790		0.000		0.791		0.000		0.791		0.000		0.791	
Mn	0.460		0.101		0.466		0.113		0.466		0.113		0.466		0.113	
Ce(+3)	0.100		0.047		0.111		0.040		0.111		0.040		0.111		0.040	
Gd	0.000		0.064		0.000		0.065		0.000		0.065		0.000		0.065	
Hf	0.102		0.000		0.094		0.000		0.094		0.000		0.094		0.000	
U(+4)	0.000		0		0.000		0		0.000		0		0.000		0	
U(+6)	0.337		0.001		0.328		0.001		0.328		0.001		0.328		0.001	
Sum	1.000		1.003		1.000		1.008		1.000		1.008		1.000		1.008	
Charge	2.643		2.118		2.628		2.120		2.628		2.120		2.628		2.120	
Ti	1.868		0.965		1.863		0.958		1.863		0.958		1.863		0.958	
Hf	0.122		0.009		0.123		0.008		0.123		0.008		0.123		0.008	
Al	0.010		0.023		0.014		0.026		0.014		0.026		0.014		0.026	
Sum	2.000		0.997		2.000		0.992		2.000		0.992		2.000		0.992	
Charge	7.990		3.966		7.986		3.942		7.986		3.942		7.986		3.942	
Model Oxygen	6.960		3.043		6.933		3.033		6.933		3.033		6.933		3.033	



Table C22. Microprobe Analyses of Ce-analog with 10 wt% Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

	14-1	1350	14-1	1350	14-1	1350	14-2	1300	14-2	1300	14-2	1300
	Pyrochlore		Brannerite		Rutile		Pyrochlore		Brannerite		Rutile	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.07	0.01	0.27	0.02	0.39	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.28	0.09	0.33	0.04
CaO	11.35	0.05	0.98	0.05	0.09	0.04	12.00	0.11	1.09	0.20	0.11	0.05
TiO <sub>2</sub>	33.21	0.28	40.94	0.25	80.75	2.51	33.54	0.65	41.02	0.60	79.19	1.35
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.81	0.21	7.32	0.31	0.11	0.01	7.13	0.36	7.28	0.97	0.09	0.02
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	16.62	0.47	11.31	0.31	0.26	0.09	17.01	0.28	11.87	0.29	0.11	0.10
HfO <sub>2</sub>	9.88	0.34	6.15	0.53	17.37	1.85	10.13	0.76	5.40	0.61	18.83	1.39
UO <sub>2</sub>	19.29	0.26	30.19	0.42	1.93	0.40	20.02	0.67	30.11	0.42	1.62	0.13
Total	97.23	-	97.15	-	100.88	-	99.89	-	97.05	-	100.28	-
Al	0.007	0.001	0.020	0.002	0.007	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.021	0.007	0.006	0.001
Ca	0.930	0.004	0.067	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.957	0.012	0.074	0.014	0.002	0.001
Ti	1.908	0.012	1.963	0.005	0.909	0.012	1.877	0.023	1.961	0.014	0.904	0.008
Ce	0.191	0.006	0.171	0.007	0.001	0.000	0.194	0.010	0.169	0.021	0.000	0.000
Gd	0.421	0.011	0.239	0.007	0.001	0.000	0.420	0.006	0.250	0.007	0.001	0.001
Hf	0.216	0.008	0.112	0.009	0.074	0.009	0.215	0.015	0.098	0.012	0.082	0.007
U	0.328	0.004	0.428	0.007	0.006	0.001	0.332	0.013	0.426	0.008	0.005	0.000
Catatoms	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	1.000	0.000	4.000	0.000	3.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
oxygen	6.761	-	5.718	-	1.994	-	6.733	-	5.706	-	1.995	-
Ca	0.930						0.957					
Gd	0.070						0.043					
Sum	1.000						1.000					
Charge	2.070						2.043					
Ca	0.000		0.146		0.001		0.000		0.146			
Ce(+3)	0.191		0.171		0.001		0.194		0.169			
Gd	0.351		0.157		0.001		0.377		0.157			
Hf	0.106		0.095		-0.006		0.106		0.080			
U(+4)	0.039		0.103		0.000		0.083		0.065			
U(+6)	0.289		0.325		0.006		0.249		0.361			
Sum	0.975		1.042		1.042		1.009		1.042			
Charge	3.937		4.005		4.005		3.961		4.005			
Ti	1.908		1.963		0.909		1.877		1.961		0.904	
Hf	0.085		0.017		0.080		0.118		0.018		0.080	
Al	0.007		0.020		0.007		0.005		0.021		0.006	
Sum	2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000	
Charge	7.993		7.970		3.947		7.995		7.970		3.947	
Total Oxygen	7.000		6.000		2.000		7.000		6.000		1.977	

Table C23. Microprobe analyses of Ce-analog with 10 wt% Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

	19-1	1350	19-1	1350	19-1	1350	19-2	1300	19-2	1300	19-2	1300
	Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		Gaionite		Pyrochlore		Hafnolite		"Gaionite"	
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	0.01	0.24	0.01	1.16	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.30	0.01	1.62	0.04
CaO	14.25	0.11	8.18	0.09	7.21	0.20	15.04	0.13	8.40	0.15	7.67	0.11
TiO <sub>2</sub>	34.45	0.18	35.54	0.99	40.81	0.35	34.88	0.50	34.71	0.61	33.72	0.31
Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.14	0.13	12.96	0.24	34.89	0.68	2.36	0.12	14.68	0.19	41.28	0.37
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9.51	0.37	5.30	0.25	5.82	0.29	10.44	0.84	5.90	0.19	4.76	0.17
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.84	0.26	10.31	0.34	0.95	0.09	6.90	0.21	9.17	0.55	2.34	0.08
HfO <sub>2</sub>	4.76	0.13	19.14	0.67	0.70	0.10	3.10	0.17	17.26	0.46	3.53	0.09
UO <sub>2</sub>	26.25	0.18	8.29	0.58	7.24	0.53	26.80	0.98	10.67	0.58	3.88	0.11
Total	100.20 -		99.95 -		98.78 -		99.56 -		101.09 -		98.80 -	
Al	0.001	0.001	0.020	0.001	0.082	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.025	0.001	0.115	0.002
Ca	1.087	0.009	0.618	0.007	0.465	0.012	1.134	0.010	0.627	0.009	0.496	0.007
Ti	1.845	0.004	1.883	0.030	1.849	0.016	1.845	0.014	1.820	0.024	1.529	0.011
Ga	0.097	0.006	0.586	0.007	1.347	0.024	0.106	0.006	0.656	0.010	1.596	0.015
Ce	0.248	0.009	0.137	0.005	0.128	0.007	0.269	0.020	0.151	0.004	0.105	0.003
Gd	0.209	0.006	0.241	0.008	0.019	0.002	0.161	0.005	0.212	0.012	0.047	0.002
Hf	0.097	0.003	0.385	0.018	0.012	0.002	0.062	0.004	0.344	0.010	0.061	0.002
U	0.416	0.003	0.130	0.010	0.097	0.007	0.420	0.018	0.166	0.010	0.052	0.002
Catatoms	4.000 -		4.000 -		4.000 -		4.000 -		4.000 -		4.000 -	
Oxygen	6.635 -		6.890 -		6.746 -		6.597 -		6.851 -		6.573 -	
Ca	1.000		0.618		0.465		1.000		0.627		0.496	
Ga	0.000		0.000		0.290		0.000		0.000		0.252	
Gd	0.000		0.241		0.019		0.000		0.212		0.047	
Ce(+3)	0.000		0.137		0.128		0.000		0.151		0.105	
U(+4)	0.000		0.000		0.097		0.000		0.000		0.052	
Sum	1.000		0.996		1.000		1.000		0.990		0.951	
Charge	2.000		2.369		1.761		2.000		2.343		1.655	
Ca	0.087		0.000		0.000		0.134		0.000		0.000	
Ga	0.040		0.586		1.000		0.017		0.656		1.000	
Ce(+3)	0.248		0.000		0.000		0.269		0.000		0.000	
Gd	0.209		0.000		0.000		0.161		0.000		0.000	
Hf	0.000		0.289		0.000		0.000		0.188		0.000	
U(+4)	0.051		0.020		0.000		0.017		0.017		0.000	
U(+6)	0.365		0.110		0.000		0.403		0.149		0.000	
Sum	1.000		1.004		1.000		1.000		1.010		1.000	
Charge	2.964		3.322		3.000		2.883		3.235		3.000	
Ti	1.845		1.883		1.849		1.845		1.820		1.529	
Hf	0.097		0.097		0.012		0.062		0.155		0.012	
Al	0.001		0.020		0.082		0.003		0.025		0.115	
Ga	0.057		0.000		0.057		0.089		0.000		0.344	
Sum	2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000		2.000	
Charge	7.770		7.980		7.690		7.639		7.975		6.510	
Model Oxygen	7.000		7.000		6.746		7.000		7.000		6.476	

Table C24. Microprobe analyses of Ce-Analog with Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

	P243		1350		P243		1350		P243		1350		P243		1350	
	Pyrochlore		Brannerite		Rutile		HF-Ti									
	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev	wt%	std dev
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.02	0.07	0.00							
CaO	12.79	0.08	1.56	0.04	0.09	0.04	0.38	0.06								
TiO <sub>2</sub>	23.60	0.48	36.73	0.40	70.77	2.25	30.44	0.22								
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	13.41	0.20	4.02	0.21	2.09	0.14	2.01	0.05								
Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.09	0.30	9.10	0.53	0.06	0.03	0.55	0.02								
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.11	0.13	8.23	0.27	0.04	0.05	1.52	0.15								
HfO <sub>2</sub>	7.54	0.22	8.00	0.35	22.02	2.11	60.66	0.02								
UO <sub>2</sub>	20.49	0.23	25.58	0.23	0.42	0.11	1.91	0.04								
Total	93.04	-	93.21	-	95.59	-	97.515	-								
Al	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.004	0.000								
Ca	1.107	0.012	0.111	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.019	0.003								
Ti	1.434	0.020	1.836	0.009	0.875	0.012	1.071	0.007								
Nb	0.490	0.008	0.121	0.006	0.016	0.001	0.042	0.001								
Ce	0.210	0.008	0.221	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.009	0.000								
Gd	0.217	0.002	0.181	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.024	0.002								
Hf	0.174	0.005	0.152	0.006	0.104	0.011	0.811	0.000								
U	0.368	0.005	0.378	0.004	0.002	0.000	0.020	0.000								
Catatoms	4.000	-	3.000	-	1.000	-	2.000	-								
Oxygen	6.924	-	5.748	-	2.005	-	3.984	-								
Ca	1.000															
Gd	0.000															
Sum	1.000															
Charge	2.000															
Ca	0.107		0.111				0.019									
Ti	0.000		0.000				0.071									
Nb	0.000		0.000				0.042									
Ce(+3)	0.210		0.221				0.009									
Gd	0.217		0.181				0.024									
Hf	0.097		0.108				0.811									
U(+4)	0.349		0.315				0.015									
U(+6)	0.019		0.063				0.005									
Sum	1.000		1.000				0.995									
Charge	3.397		3.502				3.468									
Ti	1.434		1.836		0.875		1.000									
Hf	0.076		0.044		1.107		0.000									
Nb	0.490		0.121		0.016		0.000									
Al	0.000		0.000		0.002		0.004									
Sum	2.000		2.000		2.000		1.004									
Charge	8.490		8.121		8.014		4.011									
Model Oxygens	7.000		6.000		4.007		4.002									